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Pullout from Hebron not expected until after elections

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THE government has decided not to completely redeploy from Hebron until after the upcoming elections, according to weekend media reports.

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Deputy Defense Minister Ori Orr said after consultations between Prime Minister Shimon Peres and senior army officers that "no date had. been set" for withdrawing troops from

.The announcement raised speculation that the pullout would be postponed until after the elections. The redeployment was originally scheduled for March, but delayed by Hamas sui-

cide bombings that killed 59 people.

A senior political source said Friday that he believes Peres will decide on a symbolic redeployment before the elec-

of the same

tions, leaving the bulk of the withdraw-al for afterward. He said the symbolic move would likely take the form of a withdrawal from one or two posts which are not considered critical.

. A statement issued by Peres's office after he met the top army hrass at the Defense Ministry and comments Orr made to Israel Radio indicated that redeployment was not imminent.

Prime Minister Peres asserted today that Israel is committed to the decision on the redeployment of the Israeli army in Hebron," the statement read.

"Israel will coordinate the manner in

which the redeployment is to be carried ont with Palestinian Authority security elements in order to ensure implementation of the [Israel-PLO] agreement,"

it said, without setting a timetable for

the discussions. Asked when a pullout would occur, Orr said: "I cannot say now what the exact timing will be because we have to complete the coordination with the Pal-

estinians and then it will take place." Orr said Israel's election day was a "convenient date for provocation" in This indicates Mr. Peres despises

the peace process as a whole," Hebron Mayor Mustafa Natshe told Channel 1. "Each time he promises and does not fulfill." he said.

Senior Palestinian official Faisal Husseini said: "I believe they must withdraw due to the agreement and the timing we were talking about and we agreed upon. Any kind of delay is not a good sign and it is not helpful."
Likud leader Binyamin Netanyahu

hinted on Friday he not only welcomed a delay in the Hebron pullout, but would favor expanding the Jewish settlement in the city.

What is needed in Hebron is a continuous Jewish settlement from Beit Hadassah to Kiryat Arba," Netanyahu said in an interview with Channel 2. Asked if he meant adding settlers,

Netanyahu said: "I didn't talk about numbers. What is needed is a geographical continuum of the Jewish enclave that connects it to Kiryat Arha."

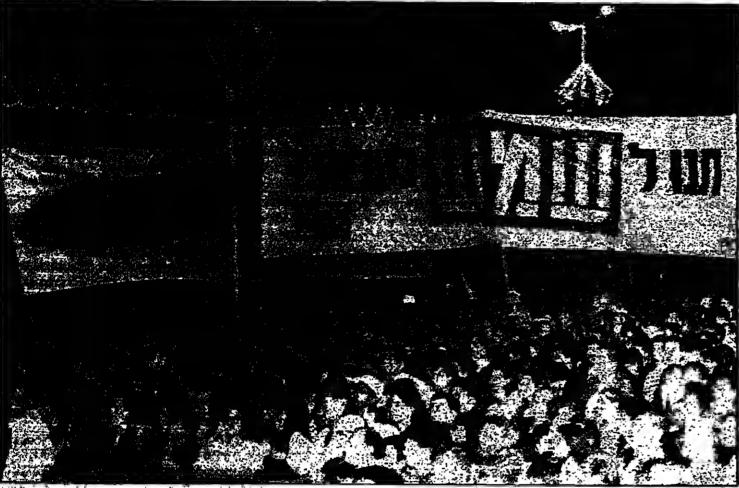
Among those participating in Friday's meeting on Hebron were Foreign Minister Ehud Barak, the chief of gen-eral staff, the head of military intelligence, the General Security Service chief, and the OC Central Command.

The security officials said they preferred to postpone the withdrawal, saying they needed more time to complete the redeployment and improve security arrangements for the settlers who will remain in Hehron. Security officials estimated the Palestinians would accept the presentation of a plan for a staged withdrawal based on a firm timetable.

The elections were also a clear consideration. It was estimated that a complete withdrawal from Hebron before the elections would stir a major right-

wing wave of demonstrations.
Shas mentor Rahhi Ovadia Yosef also made clear that the withdrawal should be postponed until after the elections.

Reacting to the government statement, Meretz Knesset faction chairman MK Ran Cohen said it was an embarrassing capitulation to radical settlers on the one hand, and an achievement for Hamas and Islamic Jihad on the other. He added that the failure to withdraw from Hebron was a serious and dangerous hlow to the peace process, and ran contrary to the political legacy of prime minister Yitzhak Rabin and his signature on the peace agreements with the Palestinians.



Thousands of people attend the memorial rally in Kikar Yitzhak Rabin last night to mark six months since the prime

Final status talks begin today in Taba

negotiations on the final status of the most difficult issues still outstanding between Israel and the Palestinians will begin in Taba today.

The opening session of talks today is expected to last some three hours, with the discussion centering on preliminary clarification of procedural matters. The substantive items on the agenda are Jerusalem, settlements, refugees, political status and final borders. Water will also be discussed.

The talks will adjourn tonight until after the May 29 elections.

The Israeli team to the third

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will be headed hy Foreign Ministry Director-General Uri Savir and Palestinian Authority top negotiator Mahmoud Abhas (Abu Mazen). The seven representatives on the Israeli negotiating team include IDF generals and economic experts. in addition to Foreign Ministry officials.

The date of the talks was fixed in the first round of negotiations with the Palestinians in Oslo. At the time, it was stipulated they would be completed by May 4.

'The venue and nature of the negotiations will be decided at [today's] meeting." Abhas told Reuter. "The committees could meet in different places. The talks will he held in secret and the press." Ahbas said.
"If talks are conducted

intensively, we hope to finish in two years or less, hnt because we are dealing with tough issues talks might go on for three years," he added.

Ahbas told the Voice of Palestine that the talks will be difficult and "both parties need three years to get to know each other very well, to know their rights and their ohligations. But we are not starting from zero."

At the Palestinian Authority cabinet meeting yesterday, ministers said the final talks should lead to a Palestinian state with Jerusalem as its capital.

'Our aims are very clear," said PA Planning Minister Nabil Shaath. "We have to establish our Palestinian independent state ... this is the real

Thousands attend Rabin memorial rally

TENS of thousands, mostly young people, came to Kikar Yitzhak Rabin last night to take part in a rally in memory of the late prime minister, assassinated six months ago

after speaking at a peace rally at the square.
The association Dor Shalem Doresh Shalom (A Whole Generation is Demanding Peace), which organized the rally, said it would not be political but would express the people's desire for peace and their support. for the peace process which Rabin had led.

The organizers had to cut out parts of a recording of Rabin's last speech played at the rally, under the orders of Justice Theodor Orr, chairman of the Central Elections Committee, to prevent engaging in election

Leah Rabin, the main speaker at the rally, said that even after the Hamas terrorist at-

tacks "we knew we must get up and continue the peace train, despite the difficulties and obstacles. We won't let any radical lunatic element sabotage the way to peace. You are aware of Rabin's legacy and are here today to carry it out."

The silent majority now knows it must be silent no longer and speak ont for what it believes, Rabin said afterward. "The rally here tonight is an expression of this. These people are saying: We are here and we want peace.' We are bere to remember him and to say we are committed to walk in his footsteps and realize the peace he tried to

Hundreds of policemen guarded the square, dominated by Meretz and Peace

Now posters and banners calling for peace and Lahor posters supporting Prime Minister Shimon Peres.

A portrait of Yitzhak Rahin hung hehind the stage, and a buge blue-and-white sign saying, "Continuing with the peace, haver" (a take-off on the slogan coined by US President Bill Clinton after Rahin's death, Shalom haver), hung on the front of the stage.

The rally, hosted by Gila Almagor and Didi Harari, consisted mainly of the performances of prominent singers, including Aviv Gefen, who sang "I'm Going to Cry For You," the song he sang at Rabin's rally. Danny Rohas, Danny Litani, Hava Alberstein, Rami Kleinstein, Shlomo Gronich, Gali Atari, Yafa Yarkoni, Samir Shnkri, Zehava Ben, Shlomi Shahbat, Arik Sinai, Shmulik Kraus and many others.

Israel rejects UN findings it targeted UNIFIL Kana base

THE government yesterday rejected initial UN findings that it had deliberately targeted UNI-FIL's Fijian hattalion headquarters in Kana village, killing over 100 civilians last month.

"We were not aiming at the camp," said Government Press Office Director Uri Dromi.

We knew we were firing near a UN base, but we were aiming a couple of hundred meters away, precisely where Katyushas and mortars were fired from just minutes before," Dromi said. "Unfortunately, two of the shells overshot and hit the civilians."

The government has maintained that it was unaware there were refugees at the camp.

Diplomats in New York, familiar with an early incomplete report, said on Friday that the investigation found that, in the absence of concrete evidence from Israel, the UN was forced to conclude that Israel knew it was

firing at the camp. 'Something went seriously wrong at a point down the chain of [Israeli] command," the diplomats said, quoting from the re-port. But they said the words "deliberate" or "intentional" were not expected to be used in any final version.

and news agencies

Dromi said the soldiers had not deviated from procedure when they fired near the UN post. Peacekeepers knew that if Katvushas were fired from near UN posts they should take cover

fire back," he said. The final UN investigation into the incident is expected to he published this week.

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The inquiry was carried out by Lt.-Gen. Frank Van Kappen, of Holland, at the behest of UN Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali. Van Kappen and his team visited Kana and interviewed Fijian soldiers, UNIFIL officers, Chief of General Staff Lt.-Gen. Amnon Lipkin-Shahak, OC Northern Command Maj -Gen. Amiram Levine, and senior

IDF officers. UNIFIL spokesman Timur Goksel, who has not yet seen a copy of the report, said last night that Israel's delegation to the UN was informed on Thursday of the main findings of the inquiry andthat Israel had been invited to respond to the findings hy tomorrow.

No details of the findings have

been released officially, although apparent leaks from the report have already begun appearing in the foreign press.

According to the Londonhased weekly Foreign Report, the UN inquiry found that over 20 shells fell in and near the camp. According to the article and other foreign television and news agency reports, the Hizbullah gunmen had positioned their weapons in the Kana village cemetery - around 200 meters from the UNIFIL base.

The Foreign Report article, said that a Hizhullah squad had fired at IDF troops in the area with eight mortar rounds and two Katyusha rockets.

The reports said the Hizbullah squad had been tipped off about the presence of an IDF unit in the area and had opened fire at them.

According to the reports, the mission of the IDF unit had been to plant mines on the hilltop route hetween the nearby villages of Zibquine and Hiniyeh because Hizbullah was known to use the

area for launching attacks.

Prime Minister Shimon Peres revealed last week that an IDF unit, whose mission was to help prevent the launching of Katyusha

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'Norwegian leaders supported termination of Jewish state'

NORWEGIAN Foreign Minister Bjorn Tore Godal, who was part of his government's sponsorship of the secret Israeli-PLO talks in Oslo in 1993, was once in the vanguard of a political campaign that supported the demise of Israel as a Jewish state, the daily newspaper Dagen reported

The Norwegian daily Dagen bases its report on the book of a former secretary-general of Norway's ruling Labor Party, Haakon Lie. Lie, regarded as a strong supporter of Israel, traced to deels Normanian leaders from today's Norwegian leaders from their student days in the early 1970s when they were passionate advocates of the PLO and a Palestinian secular state that would replace Israel.

In his book As I See It, Part Two, Lie reports that at the convention of the Labor Party's Youth Organization [AUF] in 1971, its chairman, Godal, approved the following statement:
The AUF will support the forces. which struggle for the national and social liberation of the Pales-



tinian people. The qualification for lasting peace must be that Israel ceases to exist as a Jewish state and that a progressive Pales-tinian state is established where all ethnic groups can live side by side in complete equality."

A Labor Party official told The

Jerusalem Post that the AUF under Godal supported the PLO in the 1970s but added be could not immediately confirm the exis-tence of the resolution.

"I can say that Mr. Godal's position has since changed," the official, who did not want to be named, said.

Godal's spokesman, Ingvard Havnen, told the Post that a search of AUF minntes during the 1971 convention did not turn up the statement cited in Lie's book. "We are not ready to verify that the AUF accepted the resolution," Havnen said. "The foreign minister himself could not

remember such a resolution." Asked whether Godal today agrees with the resolution cited by Lie, Havnen said, "He would think that this is totally irrelevant as we have not verified that this

was actually passed." The Dagen describes the AUF resolution as the turning point in Norway's previously warm rela-tions with Israel. "Shortly afterward, the same attitude [as in the (Continued on Page 3)

Channel 1: France granting humanitarian aid to Hizbullah

News agencies

FRANCE is extending "humanitarian aid" to Lebanon through Hizbullah, citing the fact that Hizbullah performs humanitarian services. Channel I reported last night.

Meanwhile, President Jacques Chirac said France's renewed commitment to Lebanon was demonstrated by a shipment of equipment on Priday to help repair power stations hit "I wanted to show...our solidarity toward civilian popula-

tions hard hit by the recent fighting," Chirac said in a letter asking French Defense Minister Charles Millon to pass on thanks to the navy for the shipment. He said the delivery of four electrical transformers to Leba-non hy the landing ship Foudre was "a strong, concrete and

rapid sign of France's renewed commitment to Lebanon's The transformers will help to repair the Jambour and Bsa-

FBI warns Jewish groups of retaliation threats in US

WASHINGTON (AP) - Federal agents warned Jewish groups Friday of an anonymous threat to murder 1,200 Jewish executives and physicians in the US. moless israel withdraws its military forces from Lebanon by to-"There is no way to know at

this time if the threat is real, but

the FBI believes that Jewish or-

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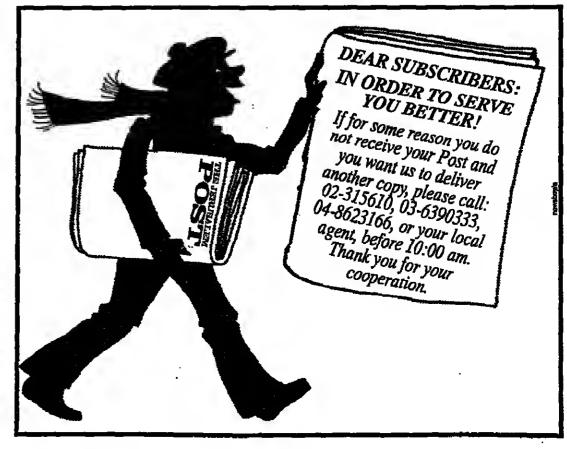
dividuals should, for their own

safety, be on heightened alert."

leem substations near Beirut.

an FBI statement said. The FBI said the anonymous threat also demanded that Israel pay \$12 hillion by today to compensate Lebanese killed in recent Middle East fighting.

The FBI has notified Israel of the threat and is also relaying the information to other federal, state and local law enforcement agencies. The threat was received hy a private party who turned it over to the burean, the



Qatari minister: Peace possible only with Jerusalem as capital of Palestine

A DAY before Israel and the PLO were to begin negotiations over the future of Jerusalem, a Qatari minister said yesterday that there would be no peace unless Jerusalem was the capital of a Palestinian

Qatari Justice Minister Najib bin Mohammed Nacimi said there could be "no real final settlement between the Palestinians and the Israelis without. Jerusalem as the main capital of a

Naeimi spoke at Bir Zeit University in Ramallah where he signed a deal on behalf of the Gulf state pledging funds to pay for an international law center and new library for the West Bank university. His comments on Jerusalem were greeted by applause from the 150 faculty members present at the signing

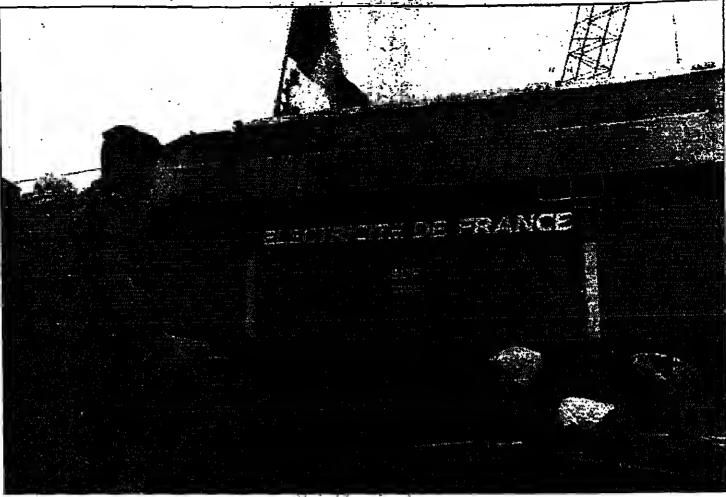
On Friday, Nacimi visited Orient House in Jerusalem, after praying at Al-Aksa. He was welcomed at the PLO headquarters in the capital by members of the Palestinian Council, including Hanan

Ashrawi and Ziyad Abu Zayyad. "My visit is both official and personal," Naeimi said upon entering Orient House. "I have come to support the Palestinian Authority's position of establishing a Palestinian state with Jerusalem as its capital." Naeimi, who arrived on Thursday, also met Friday

with PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat in Gaza. Naeimi confirmed that he had met with some Israelis during his visit, but said he had no official connections with the Israeli government while here.

Faisal Husseini, who holds the Jernsalem portfolio in the PA, said there was nothing unusual about the Qatari minister visiting Orient House. "We host political figures from all over the world and we are

happy to receive the Qatari justice minister." Both Husseini and Ashrawi condemned Israel for delaying IDF redeployment from Hebron. "It is not a good sign," Husseini said. Ashrawi said Israel "was violating the Oslo Accords" on the Hebron issue, but emphasized that it was a separate issue from the final status talks, which should start today as scheduled.



A Lebanese army soldier watches as a power transformer from France is unloaded in Beirut's port on Friday.

Yassin: Israel has right to exist under certain conditions

ISRAEL has the right to exist next to a Palestinian state under certain conditions, imprisoned Hamas leader Sheikh Ahmed Yassin said in an interview broadcast on

"There can be peace... We should live next to the state of Israel... If you give me my rights

and let me live to tranquillity there will be peace between you and us. But there cannot be peace on the basis of subjugation." interview.

Yassin, 60, who was jailed

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Counsellor and Head of the Legal Department of the German Embassy, Tel Aviv who was killed in a road accident on May 2, 1996.

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Ambassador Dr. Franz Bertele and the Staff of the German Embassy, **Tel Aviv**

LABOR seven years ago for sanctioning attacks on IDF soldiers, did not

define the borders of Israel he deems acceptable, but Hamas spokesmen in the past bave talked of a return to 1967 borders, the removal of settlements, and Jerusalem becoming the capital of Palestine as the basis of a renew-

Yassin implied that Hamas would recognize an agreement reached between the Palestinian Authority and Israel which gave the Palestinians their rights.

He said be respects the Palestinian National Council's decision to amend its covenant, which calls for the destruction of Israel, since the alternative would be to fight against the PA, which he said he finds unacceptable.

Yassin said he recognized Yasser Arafat as the head of the PA, explaining "If I don't accept Abu Ammar as president of the state of Palestine and leader of the Palestinian people, the meaning would be that I accept Israel in his place." Hamas rejected the PNC's order to amend the covenant. Yassin's role as Hamas leader has been overtaken by more radical elements who prefer to fight the PA than accept it. Gaza Chief of Prevenuve Security Mohammed Dahlan said yesterday that the armed wing of Hamas had plotted to blow up buildings and properues of the Palestinian Authority as well as assassinate Arafat and other figures including security chief Musa Arafat. "We have arrested almost all the members of the Hamas armed underground, but we are not arresting anybody who is not involved in planned attacks," Dahlan said.

Syrian papers: **Punish Israel** for 'brutal crimes' in Lebanon

DAMASCUS (AP) - State-run Syrian newspapers have called for Israel to be punished for its "bru-tal crimes" in Lebanon.

At least 91 refugees were killed

April 18 when Israel shelled a UN compound at Kana in south Lebanon. Israel said its gunners actually had been targeting terrorists 300 meters from the com-

Referring to the report, the daily Tishrin wrote yesterday: "All evidence and facts disclose that the criminal deliberately commined his crimes against the displaced Lebanese." *Tishrin* wrote that Israeli leaders should be brought to an international court to face charges in the massacre.

Another government-run news-paper, Al-Thawra, demanded international sanctions against Israel, accusing it of "state-orga-nized terrorism." The Arab League secretary-general Dr. Ismat Abdel Magid last week was quoted in the London-based Al-Hayat that the Kana killings were worse than Nazi methods during World War Two."

Meanwhile, Lebanese President Elias Hrawi yesterday met President Hafez Assad to discuss the continued implementation of a cease-fire between Hizbullah and Israeli forces.

Although Syria was not directly involved in last month's fighting, it is the key power in Lebanon and its assent was needed to bring 16 days of fighting to an end April 27. Hrawi and Assad met in the northwestern city of Latakia on

the Mediterranean coast. No details were given of their agenda, but they were expected to discuss the formation of an international committee to supervise

Zvilli: Netanyahu deceiving public

Secretary-General Nissim Zvilli slammed Likud

leader Binyamin Netanyahu yeswould "distort once again the order of priorities set by the Rabin and Peres governments, terday for "once again trying to lead the public astray." Zvilli was referring to redirect financial resources from Netanyahu's statements over the the needy quarters, the Negev and the Galilee, to the villas of weekend that he would increase the number of Jewish settlers in the settlers in Judea and Samaria,

to continue the peace process Zvilli charged Netanyahu with He said Netanyahn's policy, "either deceiving the public yet according to the statements. again, when he said he would

blow up the peace process, and

cause 1.8 million Palestinians to

return to the course of terror-

advance the peace process, or [lacking] a minimal understanding of political processes as a result of his inexperience."

Prittle Minister Shimon Peres refused to be interviewed on Channel 2's Friday night program, to which Netanyahu was invited as well, leaving the stage clear for the exclusive appearance of the opposition's candidate for prime minister.

Labor campaign sources said yesterday that it is Peres's policy not to be interviewed in programs with the opposition head, so as not to grant Netanyahu an equal sta-

Peres and Netanyahu will take part in one television debate on May 26.

Today, Labor and Meretz intend to sign a surplus vote agreement in the Knesset, as they did in the previous elections.

The agreement is to be signed by Meretz's Knesset faction chairman MK Ran Cohen and his Labor counterpart MK Ra'anan

Five die in weekend road accidents

FIVE people died and six were injured as a result of weekend traffic accidents.

Hebron and add more settle-

ments. Zvilli said this contradict-

ed Netanyahu's previous pledges

and recognize the Oslo Accords.

NEWS

Arik Turgeman, 27. of Rishon Tezion died yesterday morning of lajuries suffered when he was hit by a Dan company bus in Tel Aviv

On Friday, an Australian tourist was killed and three other people suffered light to serious injuries in an accident near Kibbutz Nahshon, near the Latrun Junction. The accident occurred when the tourist, who worked as a sheep shearer at Mazkeret Bayta, was visiting the kibbutz along with another tourist and .two Israelis. When the four left the kibbutz, their car overturned, killing the man and injuring the others. Police are investigating whether they were drunk at the time of the accident.

Early yesterday morning, two people were killed near Kibbutz Ein Gev, with one of them identified as Jinji Hamced, 21, of Kfar

Meanwhile, a Kiryat Malachi

scene of an accident in which he had been told his father had been killed, escaped unburt Thursday after his car overturned twice. Sbalom Gabsi, 68, of Moshav Azrikam was killed when a semitrailer driven by a Rahat man backed up over him.

When his son, Eli, beard about the accident he jumped into his car and drove quickly down the winding road between the moshavim. Near Be'er Tuvia, he lost control and overturned twice. but escaped injury. The driver of the semitrailer is to be charged with manslaughter.

A seven-year-old boy was seriously injured last night when he ran into the middle of the street in Ramle and was struck by a car. He was taken to Sheba Hospital at Tel Hashomer. A four-year-old boy was seriously injured Priday when he was struck by the shovel of a tractor which fell on him. He was also taken to Tel Hashomer, and police lanuched an investigation into possible negligence. (Itim)

Senior Saudi cleric blasts US, Israel in sermon

MANAMA, Bahrain (AP) - In an unusually outspoken sermon, a leading Saudi clergyman attacked Israel and the US, saying US-sponsored Middle East peace moves were biased in Israel's favor.

Addressing an estimated one million worshipers in the Grand Mosque in Mecca on Friday, Sheikh Saleh bin Hamid said it should come as no surprise if a new generation of Arab "terrorists" and "extremists" emerge as a result of last month's Israeli bombardment in Lebanon.

Sheikh Saleh's sermon, excerpts of which were published in Saudi newspapers yesterday, was exceptionally outspoken by the standards of Saudi Arabia, the US's closest Arab ally, His remarks reflected Arab ire at the Clinton administration's failure

to quickly halt the Israeli offensive. That, many Arabs argue, underlined what they perceive as the administration's lack of even-hand the Middle East.

"From the womb of these tragedies will come all sorts of violence, bloodletting ... How can you rule out that terrorists and extremists will emerge from the corpses and destroyed bouses?" he asked.
"What kind of peace is this one which will turn the region into a mine

of cheap labor and a consumer market without a will of its own?"
Referring to the US as "the decision-making party," Sheikh Saleh said
US Middle East policies "will not bring about peace and will not silence

Criticism of the US is rare in the oil-rich kingdom, whose government does not tolerate any form of dissent and exercises tight control over the

NEWS IN BRIEF

Jamchee questioned about gambling

Maccabi Tel Aviv basketball player Doron Jamchee was questioned by police Thursday regarding the alleged illegal sports gambling operation. Maccabi Tel Aviv basketball team chairman Shimon Mizrahi, who accompanied Jamchee - who is also the captain of the Israeli national team - told Army Radio that police at the National Crimes Investigation Unit in Petah Tikva "wanted to check a few things with him, and that's what happened." Jamchee is the first basketball player to be interrogated about the matter, following the questioning of 11 National League soccer players in the past week.

Casbah stabber caught

The stabber of Nissim Gidawi, the 72-year-old man attacked in the Hebron casbah on Wednesday, was arrested Friday by the Palestinian police in Bethlehem, Israel TV reported last night. Gidawi, from Kiryat Arba, was shopping in the Arab vegetable market when the assailant stabbed him in the back and fled. He was seriously wounded. The television identified the suspect as lyad Salah, from Bethlehem, and quoted police sources as saying he was already being tried. The stabbing renewed demands from settlers and others to stop IDF redeployment from Hebron. Jon Immaniel

IDF shells S. Lebanon infiltrators

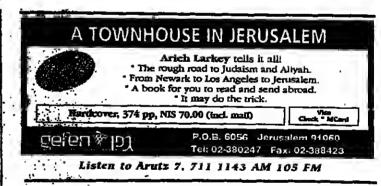
IDF artillery fired on gunmen attempting to infiltrate the security zone yesterday, security sources reported. It was the second time Israeli forces have been in action since the US-brokered cease-fire on April 26 that ended Operation Grapes of Wrath. The understanding does not preclude gummen from attacking Israeli forces or the IDF firing back provided civilians and population centers are not targeted. The security sources said an outpost at Sojod manned by the SLA spotted infiltrators in the Iqmata Valley, in the zone's central sector. They called in Israeli artillery support and some 25 155mm howitzer shells were fired, the sources reported.

Taxi driver stabbed by Palestinians

A taxi driver was stabbed Friday afternoon by two Palestinians near Tulkarm. He was lightly injured. According to reports, the driver stopped his car to talk to the the two Palestinians who flagged him down and offered to buy bis car. During the conversation, they stabbed him in his body and head with a long screwdn'ver, then stole his car. Security forces arrived at the scene.

Peace Now visits Hebron

Peace Now activists paid a solidarity visit to Hebron yesterday, to press for an IDF withdrawal from the city. They had planned to tour the city, but were blocked by soldiers. Peace Now activist Prof. Galia Golan told her hosts, "We came to emphasize our determination to see an Israeli withdrawal from the city, as agreed to the Colo accorde." in the Oslo accords."



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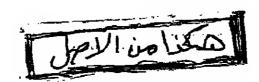
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Led by renowned tour guide and Ein Kerem Led by renowned tour guide and Ein Kerern resident Walter Zanger. The tranquillity and exciting peacefulness of the village remind many of old Provence. Ein Kerern, which is the birthplace of John the Baptist, has many churches. We will visit the famous Church of the Visitation, St. John's Church, and - the most peaceful place in Jerusalem - the Convent of the Sisters of Zion. The tour, which starts from the Spring of Miriam at 9:15 a.m., lasts until 1:00 p.m. NIS65. **ANCIENT SYNAGOGUES OF GALILEE**

Sunday June 9

After Jerusalem was destroyed in 70 CE, Jewish leaders fled to Eretz Yehuda and, after the Bar Kochba rebellion, to Galilee, where Jewish life began to flourish again. The tour leaves from Jerusalem, and picks up in Tel Aviv. Then we visit the Arbel, Tiberlas, Kfar Nahum, and Pekl'in, The tour guide is Yon! Shapiro, and the cost, which includes orteons to all eites a full lurch, and Includes enfrance to all sites, a full lunch, and transportation in air-conditioned coaches, is

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53 die as Sudanese plane crashes in sandstorm

KHARTOUM, Sudan (AP) - Police yesterday recovered the last of the 53 bodies of passengers and crew killed when a Sudanese airliner crashed into a house while trying to make an emergency landing in a sandstorm.

Twenty-six of the dead were students at Bahr el-Ghazal University in southern Sudan who were flying from the provincial capital of Wau to Khartoum aboard the plane operated by the private Federal Airlines.

The Russian-built Antonov 24 came down in the suburb of Haj Yusef, about 20 kilometers north of the capital's international surport about 10 p.m. Friday, police officials said.

The pilot, judging visibility too poor to land at the airport, had apparently tried to bring the craft down in an area cleared for construction of a new airport outside the capital, the officials said, insisting on anonymity.

They said the jet struck a newly built house near

the cleared field. The house, which was not yet

inhabited, was virtually destroyed. Egypt's Middle East News Agency quoted In-

formation Minister Brig. el-Tayeh Ibrahim Mohamed Kheir as hlaming the accident on poor visibility from the sandstorm.

There were no survivors among the 48 passengers and the crew of five, the officials said. All the victims were Sudanese. No deaths or injuries were reported on the ground.

Among the dead was Moheideen Abdullah al-Faqeeb, a retired general who was the manager of Federal Airlines, operator of the plane. The flight originated at Wau, the capital of Bahr

el-Ghazal state about 1,000 kilometers (600 miles) southwest of Khartoum, and had made a stop at el-Obeid in Kordofan state en route to the capital.

Last Feh. 26, a C-130 transport belonging to the
Sudanese military crashed at Jebel Aulia, a village

Military officials hlamed the crash on mechanical problems. The Sudanese military is said to be short of spare parts because few Western countries are willing to sell it arms and military

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Aznar to be Spain's new PM after 13-year era of Socialism

MADRID (Reuter) - A 13-year era of Socialist rule ended in Spain yesterday when conservative leader Jose Maria Aznar was appointed prime minister on a moderate platform, promising British pr strict austerity to put the econom- Thatcher. ic house in order.

A usually donr former tax inspector, Aznar, 43, laughed and joked as he celebrated what he called "a good day, a good day for Spanish democracy - and a good day for yours truly. ..

Aznar, who defeated his longserving Socialist predecessor Fe-lipe Gonzalez in an early election two months ago, won 181 votes in the 350-seat parliament at the end of a two-day debate on his investiture. He will be sworn in by King Juan Carlos today and will then announce his cabinet.

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Short of an outright majority but backed by smaller regional parties, Aznar and his centerright Popular Party have pledged to do whatever it takes to cut Spain's budget deficit and to join the planned European single currency. They will also strive to cut a massive unemployment rate of 22.7 percent - Europe's highest and to avoid corruption scandals such as those that precipitated the Socialists' fall.

But in eight weeks of bargaining for support from regional parties to be able to win yesterday's investiture vote, Aznar has shed what his critics used to see as au extremist pro-business attitude patterned after that of former British prime minister Margaret

He has ceded greater powers to Spain's already semi-autonomous regions. His earlier disdain for regional languages has vanished -he now describes Catalan as one of the world's most perfect tongues - and so have toughsounding pledges to crush ETA Basque separatist rebels with extraordinary measures.

Responding to Socialist electoral advertisements depicting him as a far-rightist, Aznar told parliament in his investiture speech he hoped his appointment would once and for all erase the left-right mistrust that still scars

Spain 60 years after its civil war.
Outgoing prime minister Gonzalez, one of Europe's longestserving leaders, shook Aznar's hand and grabbed his arm as he congratulated him on the parliament floor after the vote.

"I've wished him all the best," said Gonzalez, who prides himself on baving completed Spain's metamorphosis from interna al pariah under dictator Francisco Franco to a leading member of the European Union.

Dissension rises in Congress party as third round of Indian polling starts

NEW DELHI (AP) - Prime Min-ister P.V. Narasimha Rao faced has governed India for all but dissension from within his party yesterday as India prepared for a final round of elections which the party may lose after holding power nearly five decades.

Recent polls predict the opposition Hinda nationalist Bharativa Janata Party will get the largest number of seats.

K. Karunakaran, a member of Rao's Cabinet and his Congress Party's powerful Working Committee was quoted by The Times of India newspaper yesterday as saying he will ask for Rao's resignation as party president after the polis. "Whatever is the outcome of the general election, a power struggle in the Congress party. seems to be imminent," said the Times in a front page report. The Observer newspaper also predicted an internal struggle in a front

page report.
The Bharatiya Janata Party, better known as the BJP, is expected to get between 190 and 215 seats in the 545-member

four years since the country gained independence in 1947, is expected even by its own strategists to get no more than 190 seats. It has been plagued by corruption scandals and internal divisions.

The balance of power is expected to lie with leftist and regional groups, and the Congress Party may have a better chance of forming a raling coalition than the relatively new BJP.

The first round of voting in the six-phase general elections took place April 27 for 150 seats. Balloting for 204 more took place on Thursday and the third phase is set for Tuesday. Counting starts the next day and, results from all but six constituencies should be known by May 11. Although 60 people have been killed during the current election, it has been relatively peaceful by Indian standards. About 300 people died during the last general elec-

Baltic leaders close cooperation summit

VISBY, Sweden (AP) - The first-ever Baltic Sea summit was ending yesterday with an agenda for restoring prosperity, stability and a clean

environment to all of this once-thriving region. The Baltic Sea summit brought together 11 government leaders, including German Chancellor Helmut Kohl and Russian Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin, in Visby, a small town on the Swedish island of Gotland. According to a draft copy of the closed meeting's final summary, the leaders called for action in three major areas: increased people-to-people cooperation and civilian security; economic development and integration; and strengthened environmental protection.

The top-level summit was called by Sweden, as current president of the Baltic Sea Council. No binding decisions or joint declaration had been expected. The final statement said the leaders had decided to establish a joint organized crime task force, which will prepare a plan for an 11-nation effort in the time for the next summit in 1997.

Crime from the poorer eastern shores of the Baltic Sea has been an increasing problem for the wealthier nations, including the Nordic countries and Germany, on the western shores.

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British mad cow battle hits new

LONDON (Reuter) - Britain's battle to wipe out mad cow disease and restore world-wide confidence in its beef hit a new obstacle yesterday just a day after the start of a mass slanghter

obstacle

An opposition Lahor MP said he believed some farmers were still giving infected feed to cattle despite a 1989 han, and questioned the need for a massive

Cattle contracted hovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE) by eating feed containing remains of sheep who died from the hrain disorder scrapie.

The British government ac-knowledged in March that there could be a link between BSE and its fatal human equivalent Crentzfeld Jakob Disease (CJD). Countries around the world slapped a han on British beef which has yet to be lift-

Labor MP Gavin Strang said that in the first three months of this year, two-thirds of cows diagnosed as having BSE were born after feed which included animal products had been

Strang said he was convinced contaminated food, rather than cows passing on the disease to their offspring, was the main cause of BSE victims after the feed was hanned.

"There is no doubt, everyone accepts, farmers and vets, that the feed is the major cause, if not the only cause. We have really got to get to the bottom of this," Strang told BBC radio.

Britain on Friday started a mass slaughter program designed to restore faith in British beef. But Strang said efforts should be concentrated on identifying the continued outbreak of the disease.

(Continued from Page 1) AUF resolution] spread through the Norwegian labor organization like wildfire," Dagen says. "The Society for Chemical Industrial Workers was one of those which accepted this ideology hlindly and demanded that Norway immediately accept the PLO, as though it were a state."

Today, Godal, 51, remains a strong advocate of a Palestinian state. He succeeded Johan Joigeo Holst, the foreign minister who oversaw the secret Israel-PLO talks in 1993 and died soon

"Could it be that the Norwegian government's reasons to function as the PLO's locomotive in the 'peace process' is that they hope to achieve an alteration in Jerusalem's status?" Dagen asks. "There's very little evidence that

can be used to prove that Arafat has changed his original course any more than he changed the covenant."

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rockets, had been in the area at

the time and had come under fire

from the Hizhullah squad in

The IDF shelling was designed

to rescue the unit after the com-

mander reported his soldiers had

suffered casualties. It later tran-

spired that this was incorrect and

The army said six shells were

fired immediately at the position

from where the Hizbullah gun-

men had fired, but two unfortu-

nately strayed and hit the UN

An inquiry headed by OC Ar-

tillery Brig.-Gen. Dan Harel

found that the artillery battery in

none of the soldiers were hurt.

FINDINGS

According to the foreign news reports, the first shells struck the cemetery from where the Hizbullah gunmen had fired at the IDF unit in the field. Then the direction of the shelling, according to the reports, suddenly switched to the UN base.

This version differs from the 1DF account, not only in the pattern of firing but also in the num-

the UN investigation had a video film which was taken by a UNI-FIL soldier at the time of the shelling from a UN post nverlooking Kaoa which showed a drone in the air.

According to reports at the time, the Hizbullah gunmen fled into the UNIFIL base, apparently to take cover there in anticipation of IDF return fire, after they had fired the mortars and Katvusha rockets at the IDF troops in the field. It is still unknowo whether the Hizbullah gunmeo



A Taiwanese woman walks out from a cubicle at a men's public toilet at the Taipei train station yesterday as two men stand by urinals. A local women's rights group has launched a campaign encouraging women to use men's public toilets because they say ladies' toilets are often too small and overcrowded.

New S. African violence as parties seek constitutional compromise

JOHANNESBURG (Reuter) - South African negotiators prepared for a last-ditch attempt to break a constitutional deadlock which stalled the country's move to democra-cy as fresh violence erupted in the volatile Zuln heartland on Saturday.

Negotiators from the ruling African National Congress (ANC) and white minority parties took a hreather on Saturday before holding new talks in a bid to hreak the deadlock over mostly white single-language schools which could force a referendum.

The deadlock, five days before a legal deadline of May 9 for submission of the draft 120-page text to parliament's constitutional assembly, raised the possibility of a national referendum that would produce winners and losers instead of the united, non-racial front South Africa is striving to preserve.

South Africa's problems were highlighted on Saturday when renewed violence flared in the troubled KwaZulu-Natal province, where eight people including three policemen were wounded in shooting incidents during a march hy 7,000 Zulus.

The Zulu marchers, aligned to the Zulubased Inkatha Freedom Party of Chief Mangosuthn Buthelezi, were protesting against a government han on the carrying of so-called traditional weapons when the clashes broke out between marchers and police.

Inkatha, which won control of KwaZulu-Natal after the 1994 all-race elections, walked out of the constitution-writing process last year over demands for international mediation.

More than 14,000 people have been killed in the province since the mid-1980s in feuding betweeo the Inkatha and Mandela's ANC. The country's former apartheid rulers

warned on Saturday after negotiators reported deadlock on the future of Afrikaans-language education that it would be difficult for them to support the new constitution.

"Should a fair agreement not be reached, it will be difficult for the National Party (NP) to lend its support to the new constitution." Deputy President and NP's leader F.W. de

Chief NP negotiator Roelf Meyer said the

party would seek new talks with the ANC on Sunday with an eye on Tuesday's last oppor-tunity for amendment of the constitutional

draft before it is put to vote on Wednesday. But Afrikaans newspapers reported on Saturday that a referendum could still be avoided even if agreement was not reached on the education issue.

The Beeld and Die Burger newspapers said it was possible for the NP, which created apartheid in 1948 and abolished it nearly 50 years later, to vote for the constitution under protest hut then walk out of President Nelson Mandela's government of national unity.

The reports gave oo further details and NP officials were not immediately available for

The NP has insisted on an education clause in the Bill of Rights that makes possible the survival of state-funded Afrikaans-language schools - which are largely white.

The ANC opposes this as an attempt to perpetuate apartheid but bas offered guarantees that every child would be taught in hishome language in multi-lingual schools.

Johnson, they added.

sent after the Americans flew out

Krahn base at Monrovia's main

army harracks on Saturday morn-

ing. Later the city was quieter.

Taylor laid the blame on the

Krahn and said his men were try-

ing to maintain security for civil-

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Liberia fighting erupts again despite talk of truce Fighting hroke out in Monro-

via on April 6 after Taylor and

allies on the ruling Council of

velopment minister in the interim

government and tried to arrest him for murder. Krahn fighters

The diplomatie sources said

the Krahn told them on Thursday

they would be willing to observe

rallied to Johnson.

State sacked Johnson as rural de-

MONROVIA (Reuter) - Fighting rocked Liberia's capital on Saturday despite talk of a new truce and witnesses said thousands of civilians were trying to

flee by sea. Diplomatic sources said warlord Charles Taylor and his eth-

nie Krahn foes had told negotiators they would observe a truce following Friday's departure of Krahn leader Roosevelt Johnson to attend a West African peace summit in Ghana.

But Taylor, who launched the civil war from Ivory Coast in 1989, promptly denied all knowledge of any truce and suggested that he personally would not attend next week's peace talks. "I don't know of any cease-fire

government has not spoken to anyone officially," he told the Cahle News Network (CNN) televisioo by telephone. "The government delegation

left here yesterday headed by the chairman of the council of state to attend the heads of state meeting in Accra on Wednesday," he said, adding that the meeting was not a "warring party" meeting.

Taylor characterized the fighting as an attempt by government forces to control the security situation. "It is very, very important to understand that this government and no other government can exist under an atmosphere of

lawlessness."

NORWEGIAN Lie's book was published in

1983 and his assertions regarding Godal and his colleagues were have not met with an extremist." never challenged. Sources close to the Dagen investigation say the report was published because of Godal's rise to power.

Leif Welletop, a political ana lyst who is pro-Israel, said Lie's hook provides the aoswer to those who have been puzzled hy the extent of Norway's intensive involvement with the PLO.

"The book makes it easier to understand what has led the preseni Norwegian government and the Norwegian Labor Party to act as an eogine in the process that is about to place Israel in the greatest danger since the country wareborn 48 years ago," Wellerop told the Post in a telephone ioter- a commoo goal." view from Oslo.

Norwegiao leaders, iceluding current Prime Minister Gro Har-

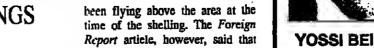
lem Brundtland. Aa early as 1983, Brundtland, then head of Norway's Labor Party said, "1 find Arafat to be an interesting and koowledgeable persoo. I

Her meeting came several mooths after Brundtland's colleague in the Labor Party, Reluf Steen, visited Arafat io Tunis, following the PLO's eviction from Beirut.

Steen returned from the meeting, earrylog a message from Arafal for Norway to pressure the US to favor the Palestinian

Dagen quotes Steen as saying "More than before it is now appareot that Arafat is the leader of a movement which contains many political views and ideas but whom manages to gather around

The newspaper contiones: Dagen also focuses oo other That the goal is the anothilation of Israel wasn't said but is evideot if one reads between the lines."



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question had acted in accordance with regulations.

ber of shells fired.

The IDF also deoied initial. press reports of a drone having were among the casualties.

Yugoslav war crimes trial to start with small fry

THE HAGUE, Netherlands (AP) - The war crimes trials after World War II featured notorious icons of brutality who tried to impose a savage new world order for Germany and Japan.

When the first international was crimes trial since then gets under way Tuesday, the defendant will be no bigwig – just Dusan Tadic, a small-time Bosnian Serb bar owner accused of being a free-lance executioner and torturer.

"My opinion is that it is a very heavy weapon to deal with a very small nut," said Lord Hartley Shawcross, Britain's chief prosecutor of Nazi leaders at the Nuremberg trials.

Set up by the UN Security Council after international revulsion at atrocities in the Bosnian conflict, the Yugoslav war crimes trihunal in The Hague models itself after the Nuremberg and Tokyo war crimes courts. Those trihunals tried the likes of Hitler's air force chief, Hermann Goering, and Japan's wartime prime minister, Hideki Tojo. But when Texas jurist Gabrielle Kirk Mc-Donald opens proceedings, the outlook is clouded for such ranking policy-makers from the Yugoslav conflict ever sitting in the defendants' dock.

Although atrocities have been attributed to all sides in Bosnia, most such crimes during the fouryear conflict were hlamed on Serbs. But Serbia, the dominant state in the shrunken Yugoslav federation, and the Bosnian Serbs have refused to cooperate with the tribunal. That means Bosnian Serh leader Radovan Karadzic and his military commander, Ratko Mladic, roam free Bosnian Serb-controlled territory beyond reach of the trihunal, which charged them with

There will be no death sentences handed down by the 11judge Hague tribunal. The maximum sentence it can impose is life imprisonment.

Colby's wife retains hope husband alive

ROCK POINT, Maryland (AP) - More than a week after former CIA director William Colby disap eared while canoeing, his wi : clings to the hope that he is

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ou have to keep hoping and ne point, you have to accept ... "Sally Shelton-Colhy said F- av. "We're not there yet."

: 76-year-old Colhy went eing on the Wicomico River 27. His swamped canoe and the next day near his ...ern Maryland vacation he ie, hut searchers have heen unable to find his body and authorities believe he drowned.

"I don't think anyone of us is Pollyanna, hut we think he is alive out there, possibly with a hroken leg," Shelton-Colhy said. "And he probably is wondering

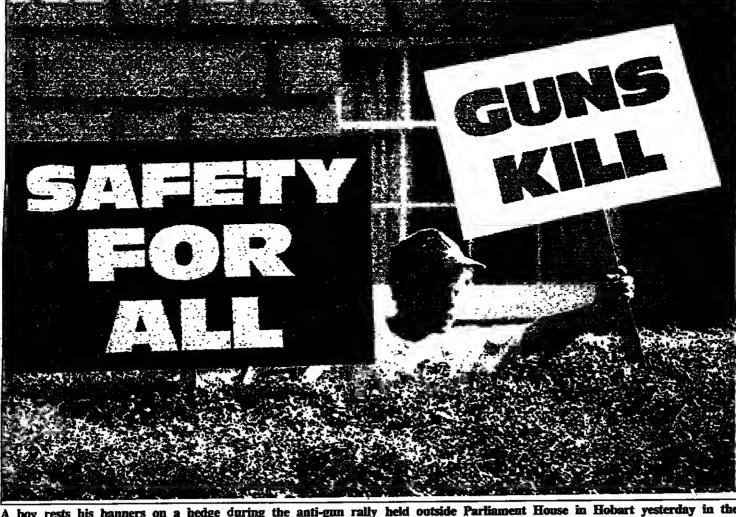
what is taking so long."
The family has dismissed any speculation that Colby may have committed suicide - "He just had too much zest for life," his wife says - or was targeted because of his former joh as CIA head.

More than 60 rescue workers have sconred the woods and waters of the Wicomico and nearby Neale Sound, using dogs, divers, sonar equipment and river dragging lines. On Friday, fewer than

a dozen searchers remained. Impatient with waiting, friends and family members have taken to searching themselves.

THE ISRAEL PHILHARMONIC

ORCHESTRA:



A boy rests his banners on a hedge during the anti-gun rally held outside Parliament House in Hobart yesterday in the wake of last week's shooting spree in Port Arthur which left 35 people dead. See adjacent story. (Reuter)

Chechen rebels target Russian troops; ex Grozny mayor arrested

Creating trust between enemies is

very difficult, as Bosnia shows

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LONDON

environmental problems. The conference cel-

ehrated the 10th anniversary of The Verifica-

tion Technology Information Center, an inde-

pendent, non-profit research organization on

The need for verification goes hack centu-

ries and "the simplest and the most striking

example" was the hand wave as two people

approached each other, which signaled they

had no weapons, said former Russian Foreign

Shaking hands was "a verification proce-

More recently, he noted that the Start II

dure" that proved the person wasn't holding

stones or another deadly weapon, he said.

treaty was negotiated in about nine months

compared with the 17 years it took to reach

agreement on Start I. The main reason was

the end of the Cold War, but another often

overlooked reason was that groundwork on

approve the 1993 Start II treaty, which was

ratified by the US Senate in January, hut

Kozyrev said there is no criticism of its verifi-

Russia's parliament has been reluctant to

verification had been done, he said.

verification issues hased in London.

Minister Andrei Kozyrev.

NEAR SHALI, Russia (Reuter) Chechen rebels attacked the Russian Interior Ministry headquarters in Grozny yesterday and troops fired over the heads of peace marchers in an attempt to defuse tensions in the town of

In Moscow, the Chief Prosecutor's Office said it had charged the deputy prime minister of the Russian-hacked Chechen government with embezzling funds meant for reconstructing the shattered North Caucasus region.

A spokesman for the Chechen authorities told Itar-Tass news agency reports of Beslan Gantamirov's arrest were "a serious blow to the authority of the Chechen government."

Gantamirov, who was also the mayor of Grozny until last month, was charged with organizing the theft of several hillion rubles sent to Chechnya from Moscow to help repair widespread damage caused by the 17-

LONDON (AP) - How can you huild trust between enemies? Centuries ago, waving a

hand signaled that you weren't holding a

weapon. Today, video cameras help verify

arms control agreements, and telephone hot

But creating trust can be a long and difficult

Fighting continues in Chechnya. Peace in

Bosnia is fragile. Russia still hasn't ratified

the Start II treaty to reduce nuclear arsenals

drastically - and is at odds with the United

States over monitoring stockpiled weapons.

mous with creating democratic institutions

said veteran arms negotiator Istvan Gyarmati.

hind, he said, that NATO-led peacekeeping

troops cannot pull ont in December without

putting peace and Bosnia's existence at risk.

lost. I think it's still going on, hut much more

effort, much more strategy, much more inno-

vative thinking will be needed," said Gyar-

mati, who secured the first arms accord

among Bosnia's factions and was just appoint-

ed Hungary's deputy defense minister.

He spoke Friday at a conference that exam-

ined the successes and failures of trust-huild-

"I don't want to suggest that the hattle is

The process of reconciliation is so far be-

and that has become "mission impossible."

In Bosnia, confidence building is synony-

lines try to cool tempers and prevent war.

The promised funds have had little impact on the Chechen capital, much of which still lies in ruins after fierce fighting last year hetween Russian troops sent

there in December 1994 and their

Chechen separatist opponents. President Boris Yeltsin, campaigning to be reelected in June. has proposed a peace plan for the region, where more than 30,000 people have been killed since he sent in troops in December 1994 to crush the separatist leadership.

Yeltsin said earlier this week that he planned to visit Grozny in mid-May. But the rebels, who enjoy the support of many local residents, remain skeptical about Moscow's peace offers.

A soldier attached to the Russian Interior Ministry was killed yesterday when the rebels attacked the ministry's Grozny base, sparking a firefight which lasted more than an hour, Russian news agencies said.

The Chechen fighters have vowed to step up attacks against Russian troops after their leader. Dzhokhar Dudayev, was killed late last month in what was said to be a Russian rocket attack.

Dudayev's death exacerbated long-standing tensions around Shali, located 30 kilometers southeast of Grozny. The town has been blockaded by Russian troops who are trying to flush out several hundred rebels they say are being sheltering there.

Around 500 Chechens tried to stage a peace march yesterday hut were stopped when the troops fired in the air and blocked their path some four km. from the town. The demonstrators shouted

anti-Russian slogans and danced a traditional dance near the Russian cordon. "We are not afraid. If we were

afraid our men would not be fighting against Russian army, one of the marchers, former Soviet army officer Khusein Akhmadov said.

He said the troops had to be withdrawn, hnt a Moscowhacked Chechen official later told Tass the rebels had agreed to a deal which involved them giving up their weapons. There was no word from the rebel side.

Yeltsin said on Friday that he wanted Chechen rebel field commanders to join in three-way peace talks before Russia's June 16 presidential election. So far the rebels have rejected any talks involving the government in Grozny, which they say is a puppet of Moscow.

Gantamirov, who was arrested in Moscow on Friday, was elected mayor of Grozny in 1991, the same year Dudayev declared Chechnya's independence..... He later opposed Dudayev and

last year was appointed deputy premier of the government set up by Moscow after its troops drove Dudayev out of Grozny.

scapegoats" used by communists and nationalists to attack President Boris Yeltsin's government, he said. "The implementation is

going on despite the delay in ratification."

Michael Krepon, director of the Henry L.

Stimson Center in Washington, an indepen-

dent think tank that researches security is-

sues, predicted an incident of "nuclear terror-

ism" in the next 10 years and said the main

danger came from nuclear materials getting

The Clinton administration is now ready to

allow monitoring of nuclear weapons from

their production to their destruction, but

"Russia constitutes a very large roadblock"

because it refuses to allow inspection of its

nuclear storage sites and dismantling plants.

disarmament but in the next 10 years, "I think

we will have even more to do in the area of

conflict resolution and conflict prevention,

learn how to change "confrontational atti-

tudes" like those of the former warring par-

But there was one piece of good news. Patricia Lewis, director of the Verification

Center, announced that agreement was

reached Thursday for a hot line between

Georgia and South Ossetia, which fought a

ties in Bosnia, he said.

The international community needs to

Kozyrev said there is still work to do on

out of the former Soviet Union.

Powerful quake hits China

BEIJING (Renter) - Inner Mon-golia in north China has recorded nearly 400 aftershocks since a strong earthquake killed 15 people and injured more than 200 in the region, Xinhua news agency said yesterday.

The tremor measuring 6.4 on the Richter scale destroyed doz-ens of houses on Friday when it hit Guyang county, about 540 km northwest of Beijing, State Seis-mological Bureau officials said.

A state-owned steel factory in Baoton city, 50 km south of the epicenter, had suspended operation after the tremor cut off electricity and water supply, Xinhua said. The plant is expected to resume operation today.

In Baotou, at least 36 people were injured, including a man who broke his spine jumping out of a window in terror, a city official said.

Chinese President Jiang Zemin and Premier Li Peng ordered Inner Mongolian authorities to

spare no effort in earthquake rehef, Xinhua reported.

The authorities sent squads of soldiers and doctors around Baotou to treat the injured and to assess damage.

The earthquake was felt as far as Xian, more than 700 km away in northern Shaanxi province, Xinhua said. In Beijing, the tremor sent tall buildings swaying for about 30 seconds.

Chinese seismologists have said the country is experiencing a high-risk period of earthquake

An earthquake measuring 6.1 on the Richter scale rumbled through western Inner Mongolia's pasturelands in March, but no casualties were reported.

Inner Mongolia accounts for one-eighth of China's total land area but is sparsely populated. An earthquake measuring 6.9 on the Richter scale rocked

northwestern China's Xinjiang region in March, killing 26.

Australians call for tough gun laws after Tasmania massacre

HOBART (Reuter) - Thousands of Australians marched through the streets of Hobart and Sydney yesterday demanding tougher gun laws following the country's worst shooting massacre by a lone gunman,

More than 2,500 people packed the lawns outside Parliament House in Hobart in the southern island state of Tasmania - only 50 kilometers from the site of the killings at Port Arthur - demanding politicians act swiftly to tighten gun laws.

"Our innocence was violated and we've become yet another statistic on the international firearm catastrophe toll," Royal Hobart Hospital emergency services director Brian Walpole told the crowd. Our home may never be the same again. We can and must start to build a safer and more compassionate society. The first step is to rid

society of these offensive weapons," Walpole said. In Sydney, more than a thousand people braved heavy rain to rally in Hyde Park on the edge of the city's central business district, calling for a national register of all firearms, licensing of gun owners, and the

banning of automatic and semiautomatic weapons. Last Sunday a lone gunnan with a high-powered rifle gunned down-32 people in one hour at the historic convict site of Port Arthur, By Monday morning the death toll was 35, after the gunman fled a burning cottage, leaving three dead hostages in the charred remains.

Australian Prime Minister John Howard has proposed a total national ban on all automatic and semiantomatic firearms be accepted at a special meeting of police ministers from all six states and two territories in Canberra on May 10.

There are an estimated 3.5 million guns in Australia, with about 500 gun-related deaths a year.

Thousands take to Paris streets to protest car pollution

PARIS (AP) - On foot, rollers- Lyne Rossi, one of about 750 cykates and bicycles, the French protested yesterday in Paris and massed on the Place Bastille for a other big cities where diesel car two-wheeled protest. exhaust is making life miserable --

are taking the brunt of the hlame for belching fumes and making French skies filthy. On particularly foul days, even the Edifel Tower is shrouded in smog.

In the French capital and other key cities, complaints have taken. on a new sense of urgency amid recent reports that air pollution kills at least 350 people a year in Paris alone.

clists with surgical masks who Similar demonstrations yester-

day - loosely organized by Green "Operation Blue Sky" - drew hundreds of protesters in Bordeaux, Lille, Lyon, Marseille, Metz, Nice, Rouen, Toulouse and other cities.

"You often see cars with just one person inside, even during terrible traffic jams. That's crazy," Rossi said at the Paris protest, where people cycled behind a buge banner that read. "Let's "It's the fault of people who Limit the Automobile So the City use their cars too much," said Can Breathe."

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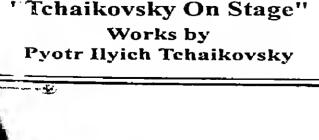
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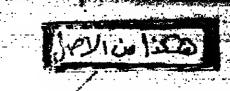
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A qualified couple stonewalled by rejection

F you think you have problems, read this. Your difficulties pale into insignificance compared to those of Benny and Sharon Tapiro, a newly married couple living in Holon.

Stick earplugs into your ears, hold two thin tubes in front of your eyes and peer through them. That's a mild approximation of how Benny Tapiro must go through life – and decades ahead, he may live in total darkness. The 32-year-old computer programmer was born deaf in Tel Aviv and later diagnosed with the rare genetic disorder inherited from his parents, two unknow-

Usher's syndrome causes not only deafness but progressive and sometimes complete vision impairment. At present, be has ninnel vision, with a field of sight 20 degrees to each side, and difficulty balancing and getting around after dark, walking slowly due to his limited vision. He speaks in nearly incomprehensible squeaks, but communicates expertly in writing or sign language. Like Helen Keller, he may be doomed to lose two of the five human senses and is one of the few Usher's syndrome sufferers in Israel.

Stuff your ears with some cotton wool, cover your left eye with a patch, put on thick glasses that look like the bottom of cola bottles. That's what Sharon Tapiro has had to contend with since childhood. She was born in Ireland, hard of hearing, blind in one eye and with severe myopia in the other that prevents her from seeing more than five centimeters ahead of her without her glasses.

Her hearing prevents her from using the phone, so her fax machine is her window on the world. Sharon can hear people sitting close to her and is an excellent lip reader. She is the only hearing-disabled person in Israel who also suffers from severe

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nearsightedness. So far unable to break through employers' rigidity about accepting only fully functioning employees, Benny and Sharon have two things going for them: they love each other - and they are well-qualified professionals. If only somebody would open his heart and give them a chance to prove themselves.

JUDY SIGEL-ITZKOVICH

Benny and Sharon, both 32 years old, met at Gallaudet University, an institution of higher learning in Washington, DC, for some 4,000 deaf students from around the world. He has a bachelor's degree in computer science after seven years of rigorous studies there. Benny earned excellent marks in his computer courses: Cobol, Fortran, Basic, Pascal, Uniz, VAX/VMS, ADA and Assembly computer languages. He was a computer instructor at a club for the deaf, and a computer programmer at Microbee and the Association for the Deaf in Tel Aviv, and a PC consultant and computer studies tutor at Gallauder.

Sharon earned a BA in English writing, with experience in reading, analyzing and assembling data, literature and creative writing. She also knows Hebrew, but fast-lipped Israelis who have no patience to speak slowly confound her lip reading. She also was an actress in London and a Consumer Service intern in Washington.

But nearly a year after their altruistic aliya, they remain without jobs - or even a single job offer. Both have sent their curriculum vitae to dozens of potential employers around the country, sometimes mentioning their handicaps, sometimes not. Those noting their physical limitations are almost always left unanswered; those not mentioning them often lead to further queries and even interviews, but when personnel managers meet them, they quickly turn cold.

We thank you for your applica-tion. Unfortunately, at this stage we cannot offer you a job that suits your capabilities. If something relevant comes up, we'll he glad to contact you in the future," goes the standard form letters that have piled up discouragingly in the couple's modest rented apartment.

The rejection slips have been sent by large and small companies, including Tadiran Communications, Elscint, Elad Systems, Pilat, DSL, Malam Systems, Formula Software Services, Giga, Lanoptics, Aladdin, Systems.

Matav, Motorola, LSI Logic, Netmanage and Intel, as well as the Open University, Hever Translations, Quality Translations, Campus Studies Ltd., Kesher, and many others.

Spending their time going over classified ads and fruitlessly making applications, they do their household chores and volunteer helping two disabled girls at the Deaf/Blind Club in Tel Aviv. In the meantime, their patience and their meager savings are running out.

They could probably find suitable work without much difficulty in the US, where discrimination against the disabled in work, housing and public places is barred not only theorencally but in practice. Employers there find that the disabled concentrate on their work undiverted by office ooise and useless chatting and are highly produc-

While Benny feels be would have no choice but to return to the US if he can't get a job, Sharon says American society revolts her, and that she would prefer living here or, if there is no alternative, finding a job somewhere in Europe. Thus, their only chance of mutual happiness and fulfillment is finding decent work here.

At first glance, they seem like an odd couple. Benny is short and a bit pudgy, and Sharon is tall and lanky, with long reddish-blonde hair. They hold hands as she helps her husband maneover through strange surroundings. But their pained eyes light up as they communicate with each other in sign language, soundlessly but excitedly, touchingly and warmly. They know that no one except the other can really understand how they feel.

Benny tells of his life struggles, while Sharon translates verbally, signing as she goes along so her husband can follow. Born deaf, he has two sisters and one brother - all of them normal. Benny went to a regular school in Tel Aviv. His hearing parents - the father manages a car-repair business in Ramat Gan and the mother is a cosmetician thought he was a bright child, but drew pictures for him instead of using words.

When, at 12, he started having balance problems, he was taken to



Benny and Sharon Tapiro communicate by sign language.

a number of eye doctors for tests. Finally, an Assaf Harofeh Hospital doctor disclosed the problem: Usher's syndrome. It took him years more to understand the meaning of that life sentence. Nevertheless, Benny completed high school, where he was the only deaf pupil, with a full matricula-

Wanting professional skills and liking math, he studied computer science for two years at the Ra'anana Rehabilitation Center. Then Micha (the association for deaf children) agreed to provide a scholarship and help send him to Gallaudet University, where he could continue his studies.

Benny recalls that he tried staying away from the deaf/blind stu-

dents there, unconsciously rejecting the idea that bis sight would progressively decline but not knowing if he would ever be totally blind. But one day, he anended a lecture at the deaf blind club. He saw Sharon and was attracted by what he calls her "magic smile." They made a date to meet later, Sharon recalls, "and he was afraid I wouldn't come at all. But I came

loved me. I was very happy." Sharon, born to a Jewish doctor father and a non-Jewish teacher mother, converted to Judaism and they married. The couple graduated in June 1995 from Gallauder; the signature of university patron President Bill Clinton adorns their

a minute early. I loved him and he

impress Israeli employers.

Sharon says she (an only child) and her parents lived in Israel when she was six years old, but did not manage here and went to London, where she was raised. After finishing high school, she went to study at a community college in Miami and then transferred to Gallaudet.

When I came to Israel in June 1995, I thought that a person with an English degree would be in great demand." But she got nowhere, and little help from the social welfare authorities. Lacking a "blind license" from the National Insurance Institute, she couldn't get vocational help.

Her good looks eclipsed by the thick glasses, many people are put

off by her appearance, Sharon says. Children ofteo make fun of her. Benny encountered many difficulties too, and his social worker lacks expertise in helping him find an academic job because all the deaf/blind here are either unem-

ployed or working in factories. They are willing to move anywhere in Israel if they can find decent jobs. Sharon is even ready to retrain and learn another skill if she gets nowbere with her English-language abilities. There must be two jobs somewhere in this country for Sbaron and Benny

They can be contacted by mail of 34 Rehov Sokolov, 58321, Holon,

Israeli-Moroccan duo research effects of Ramadan fasting on diabetes

N Argeninian-born Jewish specialist in JUDY SIEGEL-ITZKOVICH melabolism at Ben-Gunon University o the Negev Medical School has initiated the first-ever study on the effects of the Moslem fast of Ramadan on diabetics.

The research, being carried out with the full cooperation of Morocco's University of Rabat Medical School, is reportedly the first completed joint scientific project carried out on an equal basis by researchers from Israel and an Arab country.

Dr. Maximo Maislos, director of the atherosclerosis and diabetes research unit at the BGU medical school and at Soroka Hospital in Beersheba initiated the project. Three hundred blood samples from 100 Moroccan diabetics were brought to Israel a few weeks ago by Prof. Abdel-Rahman Kadiri of the endocrinology department at the University of Rabat.

The 51-year-old Rabat physician met Maislos at a conference of the Foundation for Research of Ramadan held in Casablanca 16 months ago. Maisios had been invited to speak about a small study he had done with Dr. Yunes Abu-Rabia on a number of Israeli Bednin suffering from noninsulin-dependent (type II) diabetes who observed

the 30-day Moslem fast. The audience was impressed that an Israeli Jew was interested enough in the subject to pursue it.

Maislos and Kadiri met again at a conference in Stockholm and decided to carry out a joint study. Kadiri would provide three blood samples from each of the diabetics - residents of urban areas who fully observed the dawn-to-dusk fast - and Maislos and colleagues would carry out complicated tests on the samples. These results would be compared with 150 samples of blood taken from 50 rural Bechrin diabetics in Rahat near Beersheba.

The Moroccan scientist came to Israel after Pessah, Yitzhak Levanon, head of the Foreign Ministry's North Africa Department, agreed to finance Kadiri's airfare; Soroka Hospital directorgeneral Dr. Yitzhak Peterburg consented to cover the cost of testing the blood samples; and BGU president Dr. Avishai Braverman agreed to pay for

hotel expenses. Maislos had theorized that the 30 consecutive days of fasting, followed by gorging on food at the end of each day, could play havor with the insulin levels of diabetics and endanger their health. But preliminary results show that Moslems eat the same amount of food during a 24-hour period of Ramadan as they consume during an ordinary 24-hour period. So far, the tests have shown there were no differences between the levels of low-density lipoprotein before, during and after Ramadan. Patients did not suffer from bypoglycemia or any other complications. Ramadan-style fasting may even prove "very healthful" for diabetics

The blood tests have been completed, but it will take another month for final computer analysis of the results of the 450 samples.

Maislos said Kadiri was very enthusiastic about his visit here and his contacts with Israeli doctors: "We believe this little project will lead to permanent cooperation in medical research between the University of Rabat and BGU."

Kadiri, who was accompanied by his wife on a tour of BGU and a visit to Jerusalem, said Beersheba's weather, food and sights reminded him of his country.

End of chemotherapy can cause changes to pre-treatment hair

have recovered fram cancer
after having a scries of L. chemotherapy. Almost all my hair fell out during the treatment, but now, my hair is growing all over my head - including where I previously had a large bald spot. Are chemotherapy drugs bald men's hope for hair, or will the hair soon fall out? W.E., Jerusalem.

Dr. Rush Isaacson, an oncologist at the Sharett Institute of Oncology, Hadassah-University Hospitol in Jerusalem's Ein Kerem, responds:

Hair falls out due to chemotherapy treatment, because these drugs need to be toxic to kill cancer cells; they also temporarily damage rapidly dividing cells, such as those in the hair follicles. When the patient stops taking the drugs, their effect is reversed, and the hair follicles come

to life again. In some cases, the follicles behave differently. We have seen patients with straight locks whose hair becomes curly after treatment, and others whose gray hair returned to its natural color. Thin hair can become fuller. I personally haven't seen hair grow back on bald spots, but it certainly could happen. Bin there is no guarantee that these changes will remain forever.

It could stay that way for months or a few years, however. Since chemotherapy drugs are toxic, they certainly couldn't be a conventional

treatment for baldness or white hair. By the way, there are devices we use at Hadassah that cool the scalp and prevent hair loss in cancer patients, but this is effective only for certain types of chemotherapy drugs

Will dental braces help an adult with crooked teeth, or are they effective only for children? I am 35, and my front teeth are crooked. My parents didn't take care of them when I was a teenager, and now they tend to get cavities. Could braces help me? How long would it take? M.V., Afula.

Prof. N.S., a dental rehabilitation specialist at the Hebrew University-Hadassah School of Dentol Medicine in Jerusalem, comments:

Until quite recently, it was thought that orthodonture was not suitable for straightening the teeth of adults, but now, experts agree that age is not a limiting factor.

Whether you can be helped depends on specific conditions in your mouth, which are too complicated to mention here. The process of straightening teeth in adults may take longer than if you were 12 years old, which is the optimum age, but it can be very successful.

You should find an orthodontist who has experience working on adults, as not every specialist who straightens children's teeth bas expertise with adults. You may require some new crowns to hold everything in place.

My daughter, aged 17. was recently diagnosed as having

month, her neurologist should con-POST HEALTH REPORTER migraine headaches. The only suggestion the neurologist had was to

try two different pain relievers (aspirin and Miraleve) to see which would help more. Is there anything else one can do to relieve or prevent o migraine headache? Is homeopathic treatment or acupuncture successful in treating this problem?. Is any research being conducted here or abroad on a cure or improved medication? R.H.,

Dr. Arich Kuritzky, director of the headache unit at the Rabin Medical Center-Beilinson Campus in Petah Tikva replies:

Rehovot.

It is quite common for a migraine to start at this stage in adolescence, especially among young women because of hormonal changes. Before adolescence, the frequency of migraines is equal in boys and girls, but they become more common among adolescent girls and remain twice as common among

women as among men. Aspirin and Miraleve are very ele-

sider drugs to prevent them, such as beta blockers, anti-serotonin and anti-depression drugs. If her acute attacks are less frequent, they can be treated with a growing number of drugs, including sumatriptan (Immitrex is its commercial name) or a variety of non-steroidal, antiinflammatory drugs.

At her age, side effects can be minimal. As she gets older and her hormonal activity stabilizes, the attacks could become less frequent or less painful, Unfortunately, while migraine headaches can be alleviated or sometimes even prevented, there is no cure vet. Some people claim to have been helped by complementary-medicine techniques, but often this is just a placebo effect and the benefits are transitory.

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Telecare will 'bring' experts to small clinics

OROKA Hospital is the only provider of major medical care in the entire southern half of Israel. The relatively vast distances between dispersed patients and the Beersheba hospital place it in a unique position for a pilot project testing the benefits of

telemedicine. The hospital's new telemedicine and telecare programs will enable medical specialists to see x-rays, ultrasocod, and other scanning results on the screens of high-powered computers and recommend treatment.

In the first stage, clinics in Dimona and Kiryat Gat are to be linked via data-transmission lines to Soroka's new telemedicine center, which will function in cooperation with the Ben-Gurion University medical school.

Videoconferencing equipment will allow specialists to see panents in the two development towns and to consult with local physicians.

Data from echocardiograms. computerized tomography scans of stroke damage, sounds of beart murmurs, and video pictures of skin cancer will be transmitted via high-speed lines. In addition, Telecare will use these technologies to support caregivers of patients with dementia along with those who perform general nursing tasks.

Researchers and clinicians from various medical schools and bospitals will be able to share knowledge and cooperate on projects, bringing better health care to patients of all

income levels and locations. Eventually, the system could be used to link Soroka with docPOST HEALTH REPORTER

Middle East. According to Soroka management, a complete change in the behavior and work habits of medical professionals could result from the program.

SAVE A CHILD

Wolfson Hospital in Holon is involved in a unique project to offer treatment to indigent children io the Middle East, Eastern Europe and Africa who oeed heart surgery. Supported by a tax-free foundation in the US, the "Save a Child" project is directed by Dr. Amram Coben, a pediatric surgeon who immigrated from the US four years ago, and administered by Sally

The project has made contact with organizations in Moldova, the Palestinian Authority and Ethiopia that are trying to get treatment for children with coogenital heart disease. Uoder an agreement with the Children's Heart Fund of Ethiopia, doctors and norses from Ethiopia also are being trained at Wolfson to perform heart surgery.

In addition, a number of (non-Jewish) Ethiopian youngsters are undergoing corrective openheart surgery in Holon and Wolfson doctors will go to Ethiopia to perform closed-heart

So far, two Ethiopian physieians have begun training at Wolfson and seven children have come for treatment, and two of them have already been sent

home healthy.
The first Wolfson team will leave for Ethiopia in July. According to Cohen, some 800 tors and patients elsewhere in the open-heart operations are due to

be carried out at Wolfson and 10 Ethiopians will be trained bere over the next five years.

> OVARIAN CANCER DRUG TRIAL

A new chemotherapeutic drug for ovarian cancer is being tested at Jerusalem's Shaare Zedek Hospital, which has been chosen to participate in clinical trials being conducted in 20 medical ceoters in Europe and the US.

The drug, oxaliplatin, is made by a Swiss pharmaceutical company. It contains platinum, like most chemotherapy drugs, but bas been found to repress the disease among some patients who didn't respood to the conventional cis-platinum drug. Oxaliplatin is given by infusion once a mooth.

Prof. Uzi Beller, director of the bospital's unit for oncological and surgical gynecology, said that the drug will be used on consenting patients whose disease bas oot responded to conventional treatment or wbose cancer has returned.

MOVING BACKWARDS AIDS is expected to cut the average life expectancy in

Thailand from the current 69 years to 40 years by 2010. This startling prediction was issued recently by the private Worldwatch Institute, which surveyed the surge of infectious diseases, especially in developing countries.

Infectious diseases - such as malaria, dengue fever, and tubereulosis, as well as AIDS - are on the rise worldwide and killed 16 million people in 1993, more

than cancer and heart disease combined.

Exploding populations amid rampant poverty, inadequate pre-ventive medical care and sanitation, misuse of antibiotics, and polluted water and air were blamed for the resurgence of long-latent diseases and the appearance of oew killers such toxic sbock syndrome. Legionnaire's disease, and

Disease cootrol has become "crisis-driven, with ... governments reacting to epidemics, not preventing them, paying larger sums for treatment of disease rather than pennies a day for preventive measures," said the report. "We are on the verge of an epidemic of epidemics ... from a deadly mix of humaninduced environmental and social changes."

CHRISTIANS GIVE

AMBULANCES The Christian Frieods' Society Beit Shalom of Switzerland and Germany has donated three modern ambulances to Magen David Adom at a total cost of \$150,000. The ambulances will be deployed in Jerusalem. Rishon Lezion and Lod.

Over 700 members of the Swiss branch came to Israel for Independence Day and participated to the dedication ceremony for the ambulances at the IDF Armored Corps Museum at Latrun; it also was attended by Health Minister Ephraim Snch and MDA director-geoeral Amos Luria.

Beit Shalom has dedicated much of its fund-raising efforts in recent years to supporting Assaf Harofeb Hospital in

mentary drugs for migraine, but there are much better ones. What she is prescribed depends on how frequent the attacks are. If they occur more often than three or four times a

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HE National Camp, led by the Likud, may well win the

equally well lose them. Its victory

or defeat will be little more than

This in itself is an abysmal

reflection on the state of the Israeli

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effect a change of power other

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The fact that such a deplorable

state of affairs has developed is

perhaps the greatest debacle of the

country's parliamentary opposi-

tion, and bears damning testimony

to the numbing impotence it has displayed over the last four years.

In terms of competing political

philosophies, it really makes very

little difference whether the

National Camp wins the next elec-

tion. For with its tactic acceptance

of the Oslo accords (nuder the

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For this, its leadership must bear

the blame and the shame. It must

shoulder the responsibility for the

misdirection of most of the efforts

to regain power, trying to engage

the Labor-led left in areas where it

had no advantage or even where

there was no real necessity to

compete. It has allowed itself to

be drawn into a needless and

demeaning attempt to out-gim-

POLICE CONSTABLES in

'Concern has recently been ex-

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west London have been warned

pressed about a small number of

officers who have acquired very

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Troke-Thomas said that offi-

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TWO STRAY dogs are heing

called heroes for keeping alive a

10-year-old boy with Down's syn-

drome who was lost for three

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A searcher found Josh Carlisle

in a creek bed about 21/2 km from

his bouse after following the

The dogs apparently curled up

with Josh to keep him warm dur-

ing record-breaking cold tem-

Josh was in fair condition, suf-

One of the dogs chased the am-

Those dogs kept him alive,"

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Lebanon's French connection

▼ TESTERDAY'S announcement in Paris that the French government would extend "humanitarian aid" to Lebanon through Hizbullah should not come as a surprise. It is a natural consequence of Israel's policies after launching Operation Grapes of Wrath.

The official reason for the decision is that Hizbullah performs humanitarian services. Indeed, the organization is probably quicker and more effective in helping the south Lebanese population rebuild ruined homes than the inefficient, timorous and corrupt puppet government

But the ever-pragmatic French government is not intervening in Lebanon to be charitable. It knows that Hizbullah is an arm of the Syrian regime. It surely remembers that when Syria wanted American and French peacekeepers out of Lebanon in 1983, it used Hizbuliah suicide bombers to kill 241 Americans and 58 Frenchmen sleeping in their barracks. It must also be aware that money is fungible, and that financial aid, particularly from a European power, not only makes Hizbullah richer but bolsters its standing and prestige, enabling it to fight Israel

with more backing and force. What animates Paris is not a sudden concern for the welfare of the suffering Lebanese population, which could have been satisfied far more efficiently through direct help to the stricken families, but a simple desire to make clear to the Arabs whose side France is on in the Israel-Syria conflict.

Ironically, it was Prime Minister Shimon Peres who first invited French intervention in the conflict. Whether it was his addiction to international involvement in the region (of which the fatuous Sharm e-Sheikh extravaganza was only the most recent manifestation) or his incurable Francophilia which drove him to seek French belp is immaterial. The fact is that Peres seems to believe that France can bave a positive influence on the peace process, and that the more chefs participate in the preparation of the final brew the merrier.

Peres even found what he believes to be the point of common interest between Israel and France and a perfect rationalization for French intervention. After stopping in Paris on his way home from Washington, he said both countries want to see the restoration of Lebanese sovereignty. It is difficult to imagine bow this can be accomplished by supporting a powerful armed militia which represents undisguised foreign interests in Lebanon.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

alone" (Independence Day Supplement, April 23), Giti Landau lauds

Diaspora Jews who have done so much to assist the state reach the

eminence it has in a mere 48 years.

Shockingly surprising is that no

mention is made of the massive con-

tribution of British Jewry. We see

mention of America, of Lanada,

Mexico and Brazil, in Europe of

Switzerland, Belgium and France,

Isaac Wolfson and his Wolfson

Foundation? He was probably one,

if not the higgest supporter of Israel

in the early years. Whatever hap-

pened to the Marks and Spencer

family? Mention is made of UIA

LETTER FROM FORMER

EVACUEEES

your readers to hear from an En-

glish-speaking evacuee family.

Sir, - I thought it might interest

We were one of he last families to

leave Mitzpe Manot. Finally after a

week in the bomh shelter with a

five-month-old baby and kids aged

nine and 10 and no opportunity to go

out into our garden or field, we

decided to evacuate, leaving our

field of Safari Sunset flowers

hotel on the Kinneret which was

occupied by other evacuees. We

were in a slightly better situation

than the others. You must remember

that we had not worked for almost

one month and were feeling the fi-

nancial strain of this enforced

To occupy our children, we visit-

ed the local tourist sites. Some, like

Hamat Gader, offered no discount to

residents of the north and a Saturday

out there cost us NIS 250. Whilst

other locations such as the Hot

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dents from the north in free (al-

We were located in a two-star

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holiday.

Whatever happened to the late Sir

but nothing of England.

BRITISH JEWRY

True, the Chirac government, through Foreign Minister Herve de Charette, has been treating the Beirut regime as if it is an independent government. De Charette has even insisted on including Beirut representatives on the post-Grapes of Wrath monitoring committee along with France, the US, Syria and Israel. But the committee is little more than a useless facesaving appendage to the "understandings," empowered to do nothing and guaranteed to do less. If anything, the recognition of Syria's puppet regime in Beirut only serves to legitimize Syria's role as Lebanon's master.

Moreover, Peres may now find it more difficult than ever to propagate the myth that Iran is the source of all evil in the region. In his effort to draw Damascus into the circle of peacemakers, Peres bas generally minimized Hafez Assad's role in running Hizbullah. Only when the Katyusha attacks became intolerable did be point a finger at Syria in the hope that it would be intimidated enough to curb Hizbullah.

But as soon as the rehashed 1993 understandings were renewed after Grapes of Wrath, Foreign Minister Ehud Barak reverted to the fiction that Teheran was Hizbullah's sole boss, and that the Katyusha firings (which bave been going on for a decade) were ordered by the ayatollahs to bring down the Labor government. With the French government now officially supporting Hizbullah, such distancing of blame will seem farfetched indeed.

What remains enigmatic in these developments is the American acquiescence in the internationalization of the process. Not only France is back in the game with a vengeance. Russia has reverted to the kind of activism in the Middle East which recalls the Brezhnev era.

The Russian Federation may not yet be as hostile to Israel as the USSR was, nor is it as able to provide radical Arab regimes with the credits they want for buying arms, but its fiercely pro-Arab Foreign Minister Yevgeni Primakov has managed to inject a threatening note into Russian conduct. That the governmentcontrolled Syrian press now calls for charging Israel with war crimes for its Lebanon operation, and that the Arab League secretary Ismat Abdel Magid describes the Kana shelling as 'worse than Nazi methods in WW II," betrays Kremlin fingerprints. The statements are suspiclously similar to the Soviet-Arab propaganda slogans of the bad old days. What seems to be looming in the region is not a pax Americana heralding a new Middle East, but a return to the dangerous power ploys of the Cold War.



Sir, - On April 14, going to work, Sir, - In "Not by Israel sweat and UJA but not of JIA or its forerunner JPA (Joint Palestine Appeal) I heard on the news that Israeli gunwhich did tremendous work at the ships blasted Hizbullah positions in time of the Six Day War.

The Jerusalem Post is, and has Lebanon, including Beirut. I smiled and said to myself, these Israelis do not get it, the more they kill and been, dismissive of Britain and the maim, the more Israeli civilians will Jewish community particularly under the current editor who rates Enbe killed and maimed. gland as a backwater, forgetting the

Perhaps you can convey this mesmany kibhntzim founded hy English sage to the Israeli leaders: you can always find people like King Hussein, Arafat, Bashir Gemayel, Sadat, the Druse spiritual leadership, Ahmed Tibi, Darawshe, etc., hut you cannot expect that the entire Arab nation will ever accept to live in humiliation and without its rights. No matter what I or any other Arab liberal democrat think about Hamas and Hizbullah, but be certain, they have the full respect from the vast majority of the humiliated Arab

> It is time to give up the dreams of ruling "the land of Israel" with blind eyes to the reality, otherwise your chance to survive in this land will not be better than those of the Crusaders, the Romans, the Persians, the Mongols, and the French and British. America can't babysit

Sir. - Dehra Cooper, providing a rationale for American Jewish

leaders" and just plain tourists "American Jews have a home in the is not part of the equation, then no conviction is being betrayed."

Fine. But if no conviction is being betrayed by their leaving, let them at least desist from giving unsolicited advice, the consequences of which they will not have to bear. Let us hear no more "don't give up an inch" demands from Jewish American right-wingers, and let us hear no more urgings to "take a chance for peace" from their counterparts on the left. Let us also hear no more

ELIYAHU SHIFFMAN

MARTIN SHERMAN

mick, out-sloganeer, and outmanipulate its rivals, seemingly oblivious to the fact its real advantage lay elsewhere. For the truth: that unconventional but devastating political weapon (if properly used), was always on its side. All that real victory required was to articulate it, eloquently and resolutely, firmly and persistently.

YET IN reality, quite the opposite occurred. For some reason, in confronting probably the most catastrophic government in Israel's short history - a government under which terrorist killings spiraled to unprecedented heights, the current account deficit reached perilous levels, personal security

political doctrine of the National Camp has been defeated - largely by its own hand

deteriorated to new lows, and interest rates soared to new peaks - the Likud-led opposition's confidence seemed to crumble, its nerve appeared to break.

Its resistance to the dramatic (if dangerous) political initiatives of the left was hesitant and stuttering, apologetic and ambiguous. Its positions became increasingly unclear. Instead of vigorously exposing the hazardous pitfalls of the government's policy, it declared that it would accept them, albeit reluctantly, as a "reality which must be recognized." Instead of demolishing. the rationale upon which Oslo accords were based, the National Camp offered an unconvincing, watered-down version of the gov-

Thus it has put itself in precisely the same predicament that it should have put the government in. Instead of pressing the government to provide answers to the impossible problems that Oslo accords raise, the National Camp leadership has maneuvered itself

into a position in which it will have to provide them.

opposition has half-heartedly accepted the policy it was supposed to impede.

Thus, so-called "pragmatism" seems liable to turn the tables on itself. The argument that reloctant acceptance of Oslo was dictated by the pressure of public opinion, and that blatant rejection of the accord would lead to electoral defeat, is manifestly and absurdly self-contradictory. For if acceptance of Oslo is required for election victory, once elected on that platform, extrication from it will also be impossible. And there seems little point in electing the

indeed sad for our democracy. For if the Likud regains power, it will be only because of the government's gross incompetence. While if the government remains in power, it will only be because of the Likud'a gross impotence. Incompetence or impotence, the Israeli voter deserves a better choice.

Win or lose, the

ernment's policy.

An impotent opposition

For example, instead of forcing the government to admit that its policy will make the defense of the coastal strip untenable; instead of forcing the government to admit its policy would leave no room to deploy the "strong army" (which even ardent Oslo supporters concede is necessary to maintain the peace), thus leaving the narrow sliver of land that includes 80% of the civilian population hopelessly exposed to any aggression from the east, instead of forcing the government to admit that it is creating a situation in which the country could be sliced in two in less than the time needed to decide whether to deploy any unconventional weapons system; instead of forcing the government to admit that it is abandoning the nation's major source of drinking water to Arab control; instead of bringing all this home to the voter. exposing the government's policy as an irresponsible risk well beyond the limit that a reasonable regime can legitimately expect my nation to bear, the Likud-led

Likud to implement Labor's poli-

The significance of all this is

The writer is a former secretarygeneral of Isomer.

PICTURE POSTSCRIPT



This Amsterdam shopper is missing the point: the mannequin is meant to attract her attention to the wares for sale.

Unanswered questions

DAN LEON

In spite of Shimon Peres's overenthusiastic declaration that the agreement ending. Israel's 17-day operation in Lebanon heralded the opening of "a completely new chapter in the Middle East," a number of major questions remain about Grapes of Ŵrath.

First, with some half a million Lebanese villagers forced to flee so as to avoid Israeli fire, Peres said. "One of the aims of the operation is to pressure the residents of south Lebanon not to host Hizbuliah in their villages' (April 12).

Is this goal viable when Hizbullah is perceived as fighting to free Lebanese territory (the "security zone") from Israeli occupation?

All observers agree that with or without elections pending, no Israeli government can tolerate Katyusha attacks on its citizens in the North. Here, the second question touches upon the only option not yet tried: Hasn't the time come to consider entering into negotiations for giving np the now ineffective security zone, and testing the ability of the Lebanese authorities to take responsibility for security on our northern border?

This would match former. Israeli decisions, made in different circumstances, but once considered unthinkable, to leave security (or buffer) zones in Sinai, the Gaza Strip, and the West Bank, without impairing our security interests.

The third question relates to the idea of thwarting Lebanese plans to rebuild their shattered economy, so as to convince them to convince Syrian President Hafez Assad to curb Hizbullah. Why in this respect should a Lebanese nationalist like Prime Minister Rafik Hariri agree to pay such a high price in what looks to him and his people like Israel's

The fourth question concerns the limitations of military power. Was there not a total lack of proportion between the means and the ends of Grapes of Wrath? While the IDF fired over 18,000 shells and the air force flew more than 1,600 sorties in 17 days, this massive firepower -- not for the first time in modern warfare - failed to neutralize a small guerrilla

THE BOTTOM line is that with the guns now silent, Assad undoubtedly still remains the

Has the time come to consider giving up the security zone?

central player in this complex

While any agreement between all the parties concerned is welcome, just how each of the parties interprets it remains to be

In foreign eyes this widely publicized military action showed Israeli policy as militaristic, arrogant, and aggressive, in spite of Peres's rejecting Likud proposals to continue or. expand the operation even further. Israel's nadir came with the hundred Lebanese killed by our shells in the UN compound at Kafr Kana. Though this was justified by our military authorities, can Israel remain apathetic to the shocked reaction of international public opinion?

Gravest of all, Meron Benvenisti notes that reactions to Grapes of Wrath in the Arah world "reverted to what was rontine before the peace process. The rage and the hatred matched the extent of the disappointment, and the harshest reactions came precisely from those who had adopted the peace process and improved their relations with Israel. Whoever decided to bomh an Arab capital while boosting the 'New Middle East' should not be surprised at the reaction. He should have considered in advance what the results of his action would be."

Israel was condemned by countries like Egypt, Jordan, Morocco, and the Gulf states, as well as by the Palestinians. Did Peres give adequate consideration to the ramifications of the operation on Israel's future place in the Middle East, on our prospects of being accepted in our region, and on the effects of these factors on the peace process?

Peres hastened to call the written accord which ended the fighting "a tremendous achievement for the Israell army." and "a first-rate agreement." Time will tell.

At this stage, Operation Grapes of Wrath provides few definitive answers and raises many unanswered questions.

The writer is co-managing editor of the Palestine-Israel Review.

though most of the people in our hotel fled without swimming costumes and could not afford to buy new ones), Hamashbir offered a 30 percent discount for residents from the north. But, of course, our small mitzoe was not on their list, so we couldn't benefit

TERRORISTS

cyclopedia. - Ed. J.P.

for Israel.

Netanya.

Sir, - David Rudge, on page one of your issue of April 17, refers to ...IDF gunners and air force blasting terrorist targets." Moshe Zak, in his op-ed article, refers to the Hiz-bullah and "...its terrorist infrastructure."

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any of the contributors, but to in-

clude them all would require an en-

KENNETH BERG

David Makovsky, however, mixes referring to the Hizbullah as both guerrillas and terrorists. Your own editorial also refers to the Hizbullah as guerrillas. We read in your newspaper of the Hizbullah engaged in "guerrilla warfare,"

One of the concerns of many Israelis has been that the foreign me-dia has always referred to Hamas and Hizhullah terrorists as guerrillas, freedom fighters. Now, The Jerusalem Post also appears to have joined the ranks of the foreign press. suggest you get with what Israelis call these people and be consistent in your writing. Let CNN, BBC, the London Times, Herald Tribune and others continue with their rules of referring only to the IRA as terrorists. To Israelis, Hizbullah and Hamas are terrorists and that's what they should be called.

PROF. BERNARD V. KATZ Tel Aviv.

Hizhullah gunmen are called guerrillas when the reference is to their actions against the IDF and SLA on the frontline. The Hamas and Islamic Jihad are called terrorists because they attack civilian tar-

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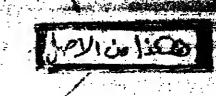
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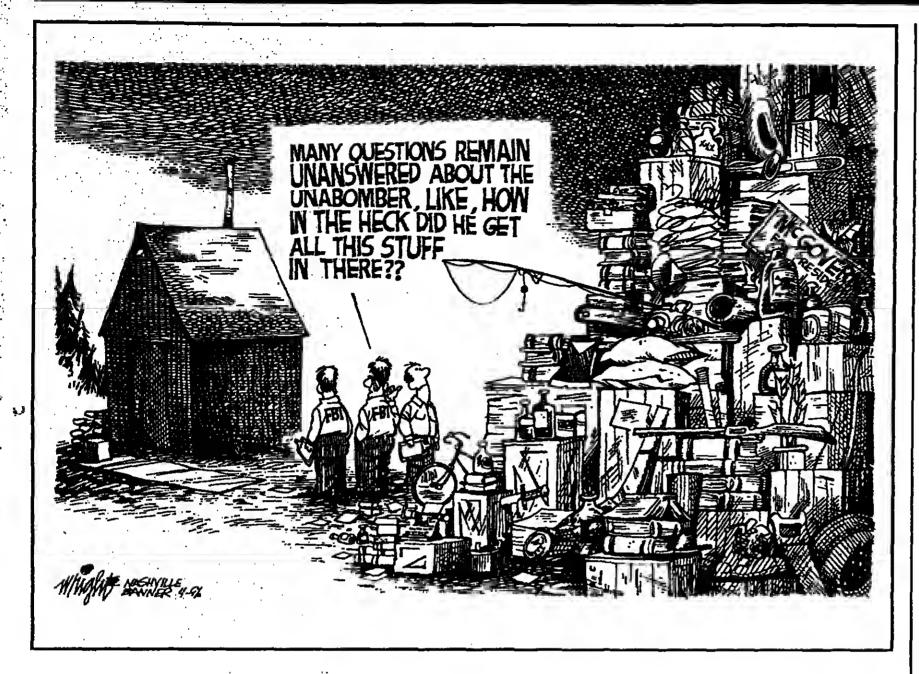
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Working girls

Pollsters try to predict new breed of voters

By Hanna Rosin

You don't have to listen too closely to hear that familiar buzz of the angry Americans. But this election season, it's not the lumpen Joes who are cranky. They've been drowned out by their equally disgruntled better halves: the angry white females, America's hottest new swing vote. "Every poll shows that regardless of where they come from, less-educated blue-collar women are the largest group of volatile voters," says Mary Beth Cahill of Emily's List. "We've become convinced that winning them over is the key to Democratic fortunes."

Over the past year, Democraric pollsters have been jetting to places like Tacoma and Waukegan in search of non-college-educated women earning less than \$30,000 a year. What they've found is an open hydrant of disaffection just waiting to be tapped. The women are "depressed," "disgusted." indeed "royally disgusted" with politics and with their daily lives. They work 10 hours a day filing insurance forms or sorting out chicken parts and still can't pay the hospital bills. They take extra jobs at Christmas so they can phone in gifts to the Home Shopping Network. Few things in life give them pleasure; "Hope and Gloria" is one; Lotto is another.

Like most poll-driven logic, the Democrats' decision to focus on blue-collar women is gradeschool simple. It's based on the concept of "dropoff" voters, people who voted in the 1992 presidential elections but stayed home from congressional races two years later, when the Democrats were hammered. Almost half of the "drop-off" votets were working-class women, pollsters have found, and sparking these women's interest in 1996 could win Democrats back the House and the White House.

Operation "Thelma and Louise" has already been road tested. It was conceived during the 1994 Senate race between Dianne Feinstein and Michael Huffington. Emily's List raided the voter files to find women who had voted in 1992 but who skipped the June primary and launched a blitzkrieg of phone calls and direct mail to 900,000 of them. They convinced almost half to

vote, and Feinstein squeaked through with only 165,000 votes.

Now the Clinton campaign has set up its own women's outreach office. But they don't stick to traditional women's issues like abortion rights and maternity leave. That's because, in their political views, blue-collar women tend, more often than their yuppie sisters, to defy gender solidarity and to share many of the same concerns as their husbands. "We want to highlight what this president has done for women, but we define that broadly," says Stephenie Foster, who heads the office. "We'll focus on educarioo, the environment, student loans, economic opportunity, health and safety."

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Bur, judging from the Emily's List focus groups, winning over today's Norma Raes won't be a cakewalk. "What words come to mind when you think of Bill Clinton?" asks the focus group leader, a maternal figure in a blue shirt. "Wussy," answers one woman. "Pantywaist," adds another. The women see right through his boyish charm. "He really tries to act like he gets it, but he doesn't," says a woman with cropped gray hair. "He'll say one thing, and then two weeks later he'll say something else." The most they seem to feel for the president who has appointed more women to higher office than any before him is pity. "I think he's basically a good person, I mean, he tries," offers one woman bopefully.

Trying does count for something. Most of the women expressed visceral hostility toward Newt Gingrich and terror that be'd leave them in the cold; at least a dozen mentioned tax breaks to New Republic. the rich and the death of Social Security. One woman talks about a stint on welfare after her husband lost his job, "dressing scuzzy just so peo- Copyright 1996, The New Republic

ple wouldn't look at me bad." But she also complains about "19-year-olds going to the welfare office with their babies, as if they owe us something. They don't owe us nothing." The struggle to break into the middle class seems to have left some of these women with a version of the immigrant's mentality - some sympathy in hard times is appreciated, but spare us the coddling.

Immigration itself is another arena where Clintonism leaves the blue-collar women cold. Explaining why the women stayed home in 1994. Ellen Malcolm, president of Emily's List, writes that they were turned off by "public displays of bravado over... punishing illegal immigrants." But several women on the tapes sound a Buchananite note, complaining about the threat of foreigners, about the United States "sending money everywhere else when we don't do enough for our own

The women also slip in and out of identification with their own gender. Class bitterness seems to matter for them more than gender solidarity. After warching an ad for one candidate, they decide she wouldn't understand their lives because she looks "rich and wealthy," standing at a construction sire in high heels.

Still, Clinton could warm their blue hearts, in ways that Bob Dole, and probably no Republican, could. One concern the women articulate that their husbands don't is a desperate preoccupation with family values, based not on evangelical codewords, but on economic security. Unlike men, who focus on bank accounts, the women have a broader conception of shelrer; they worry about basics - bealth insurance, child care and schools - issues on which Clinton has a clear advantage. Already the campaign has put out a pamphler called "Family," in which women named Dotty and Jackie fret about the future. It's treacly, but it's winning over even Southern white women, who, polls show, are deserting Republicans in droves. And it may spare us more stories of Hope, Ark.

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Clinton tape is hot commodity

By Robert Novak

Thite House aides are worried that last week's interroganon of President Clinton from Washington in the Little Rock-based Whitewater trial via television satellite will be pirated for use in the presidential campaign.

"I see Floyd Brown turning it into Clinton sound bites." one staffer said during a White House meeting. Brown produced the famous independent 1988 TV commercial linking presidential candidate Micbael Dukakis with convicted killer Willie Horton and has since waged an unremitting war against Clinton with videotapes and newsletters.

Encoding the transmission from Little Rock to foil interception was discussed at the White House but apparently rejected, and Republican operatives are indeed eager to get their hands on tapes of Clinton's testimony. However, there are advisers m the president who are urging him to make all records of his testimony available to the public on grounds that he has nothing to hide.

GOP'S COMMUNICATOR

House Speaker Newt Gingrich, reflecting Republican despair over inability to get the party's message across to the public, bas named a new deputy in charge of communications: Rep. John Kasich.

Kasich, the ebullient Ohio conservative who is chairman of the House Budget Committee, is a fiscal hard-linet who bas disparaged Clinton administration overtures for a budget settlement as "bunk." But he is probably the member of the House Republican leadership team who is best liked by and most credible with the Washington news media.

Gingricb also views Kasich as the most effective communicator in a party lacking in that talent since Ronald Reagan left the White House. The speaker is giving Kasich responsibility for getting the Republican message on "earned media" broadcast time and print space that cannot be purchased.

WHITE HOUSE RIVALS

In the midst of Clinton's rise in the polls, White House aides report continuing bostility between his two political lieutenants: campaign consultant Dick Morris and Deputy Chief of Staff Harold Ickes Jr. Morris' centrist strategy has carried the day at the White House, with the president co-opting such longtime Republican issues as the budget and taxes. Ickes, a veteran of New York City left-of-center politics, is largely relegated to operational

That division of labor bas prevented open warfare for the pas several weeks, but animosity boils beneath the surface. Ir could explode when Clinton's current run of good luck is interrupted by inevitable setbacks.

LEAVING THE SENATE

If Democrats do not regain control of the Senate, Sen. Bob Graham may join the parade of senatorial retirements and run in 1998 for governor of Florida-a post he held from 1978 to 1986.

Graham would be the strongest Democratic candidate against a second try for governor by Republican Jeb Bush, who was narrowly defeated in 1994 by Democratic Gov. Lawton Chiles (ineligible to run for a third straight term in 1998). Bush, son of the former president, is a sympathetic political figure in Florida since post election disclosure of unsavory tactics by the Chiles campaign.

Graham was a nationally renowned figure as governor bur has been submerged during 10 years in the Senate, particularly since the Republicans took control last year.

'CLOAK OF SHAME'

Former Republican Sen. Charles H. Percy of Illinois, outraged by what he called the administration's "green light" for Israel's hombardment of Lebanon, wrore Clinton April 19 that "you have woven for the United States a cloak of shame" that all Americans

The former chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee is now head of the Hariri Foundation, dedicated to rebuilding war-torn Lebanon.

By failing to condemn Israel's killing of civilians, Percy charged, the president made "all American citizens appear m be accomplices to [Israel's] enormous crimes against humanity." Clinton insists that Hezbollah guerrillas share guilt with Israel and has not condemned Israel for creating 500,000 refugees and killing more than 100 civilians.

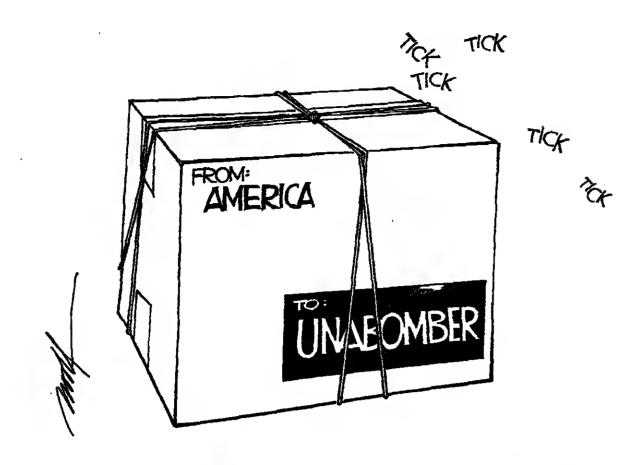
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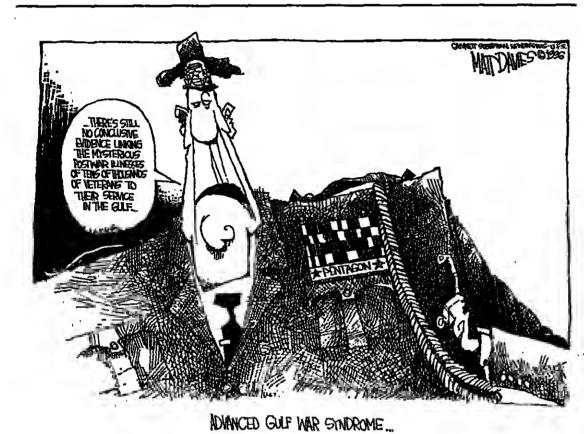
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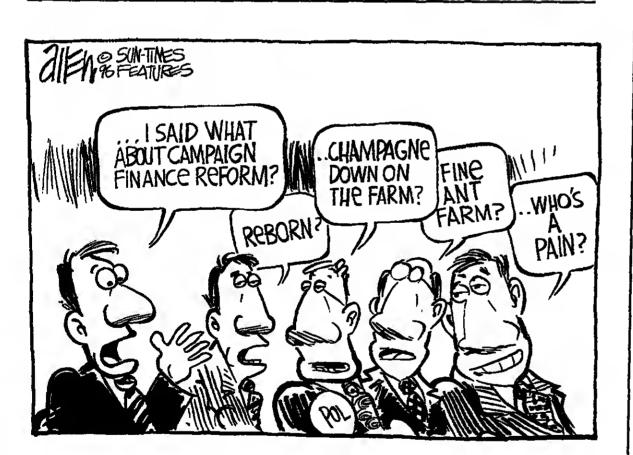
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Editorial CARTOONS









Undercovering waste at the United Nations

By Charles Lane

s the United Nations' special representative in former Yugoslavia, Yasushi Akashi was infamously diffident in the face of Serb atrocities. A lifelong U.N. apparatchik, he conserves his enthusiasm for other causes —like the United Nations University. As Akashi explained in his memorable 1993 book, "An Agenda for Hope," UNU is a monument to "Japan's positive contributions" to the United Nations and "to the world, through the generation of new ideas and visions."

To the less visionary, however. the 14-story building, erected during Akashi's tenure as a U.N. undersecretary in his home capital of Tokyo, stands as a motiument to U.N. pomposity and waste. Staffed by 63 people, UNU was built with \$100 million of Japan's money on land worth \$2 billion. "I've never seen any sign of the UN having a palpable impact on the outside world," Leslie Schenk, an American who served as the university's chief of personnel for seven years, told The Washington Post in 1992. If the United Nations had simply asked Japan to sell the land, and to donate the proceeds plus the cost of the building, the organization would have received an amount nearly equal to its operating budget in New York

Keep UNU in mind as foreign-policy types vent their embarrassment over the \$1.6 billion in dues and peacekeeping costs the United States owes the United Nations. "DON'T CAPSIZE THE U.N." cries The New York Times editorial page. In its news columns, the Times warns of dire curbacks in such agencies as the World Health Organization and the United Nations Development Program. Some Times readers are so embarrassed that they have seot the United Nations their own contributions of \$4.40 each (the estimated per capita cost of retiring the U.S. debt). The campaign was kicked off by former Deputy Secretary of State John Whitehead, who is --- you guessed it --- "more and more embarrassed" by America's failure to pay.

As usual, the bad guys in this drama are the Republican Congress and especially Senator Jesse Helms of North Carolina, who is using his position as chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee to delay U.N. funding. Though Helms

has made an issue of the U.N. bureaucracy's legendary waste and corruptioo, his real agenda is the misguided one of getting rid of the United Nations altogether. But in this instance his extremism has also served a useful, clarifying function.

That's because the United Nation's financial crisis is not a crisis of America's making. The people who should really be embarrassed by the organization are the United Nation's own civil servants. For decades, they have righteously demanded more and more American cash, even as they have resisted efforts to introduce accountability into the out-of-control U.N. bureaucracy.

The United States has no right to with-hold its money as a show of disagreement with any particular U.N. policy.

UNU is only a modest instance of the organization's penchant for mismanagement and gigantism. The WHO, for example, spends more than \$1 billion every two years and employs 6,000 staff and consultants. Since its founding in 1945, the Food and Agriculture Organization has spent over \$12 billion, with minimal impact on world bunger — perhaps because half of the money was spent on salaries and maintenance at its lavish Rome headquarters, according to the Post.

The basic problem is that the United Nation's budget is voted on by the General Assembly. Tiny nations, often corruptly governed themselves, who contribute only a fraction of the organization's resources, essentially have the power to decide how American money will be spent, which means they can treat it as a free source of patronage. And, since the United States has no veto in the General Assembly, its only leverage against this is the brusque, "embarrassing" one of withholding the money it is legally obligated to pay.

To be sure, the United States has no right to withhold its motiey as a show of disagreement with any particular U.N. policy or, like Senator Helms, out of contempt for the institution itself. Such a blunt attempt to buy polit-

ical ourcomes would, as the Times argues, undermine an organization whose impartial credentials can be bent to American purposes—as in the Persian Gulf, Kurdistan, Hairi and elsewhere.

Still, a pro-U.N. case can be made for playing hardball on the money issue. The United Nations is both an ideal and an institution. By now, however, the institution has come to threaten the ideal.

The way to extirpate this culture, is to starve it of the financial fuel on which it runs. Political realities are such, however, that the truly drastic reforms that the organization needs cannot be enacted. by U.S. fiat. The question, then, is when to take "yes" for an answer from the United Nations. To date. the United Nations has grudgingly agreed to some U.S.-inspired reforms, such as the establishment of an inspector general's office, and a no-growth budget for 1996-1997. This would entail a cutback of over 10 percent in the organization's 10,000-person New York payroll.

The Clinton administration advocates paying U.S. arrears over five years, arguing to Congress that only after America has begun to do so will it have the credibility to insist that the United Nations go through with the layoffs, and with a reduction in the U.S. share of U.N. dues from 25 to 20 percent of the organization's budget. In the past, however, the General Assembly and the bureaucracy have found ways to renege on such promises. As a sign that things have really changed, Boutros-Ghali should publicly spell out a plan for cutting excess workers and commit himself to pushing the layoffs through the General Assembly. If the secretary-general won't be reasonable with Bill Clinton, he may find himself dealing with Jesse Helms.

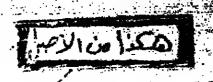
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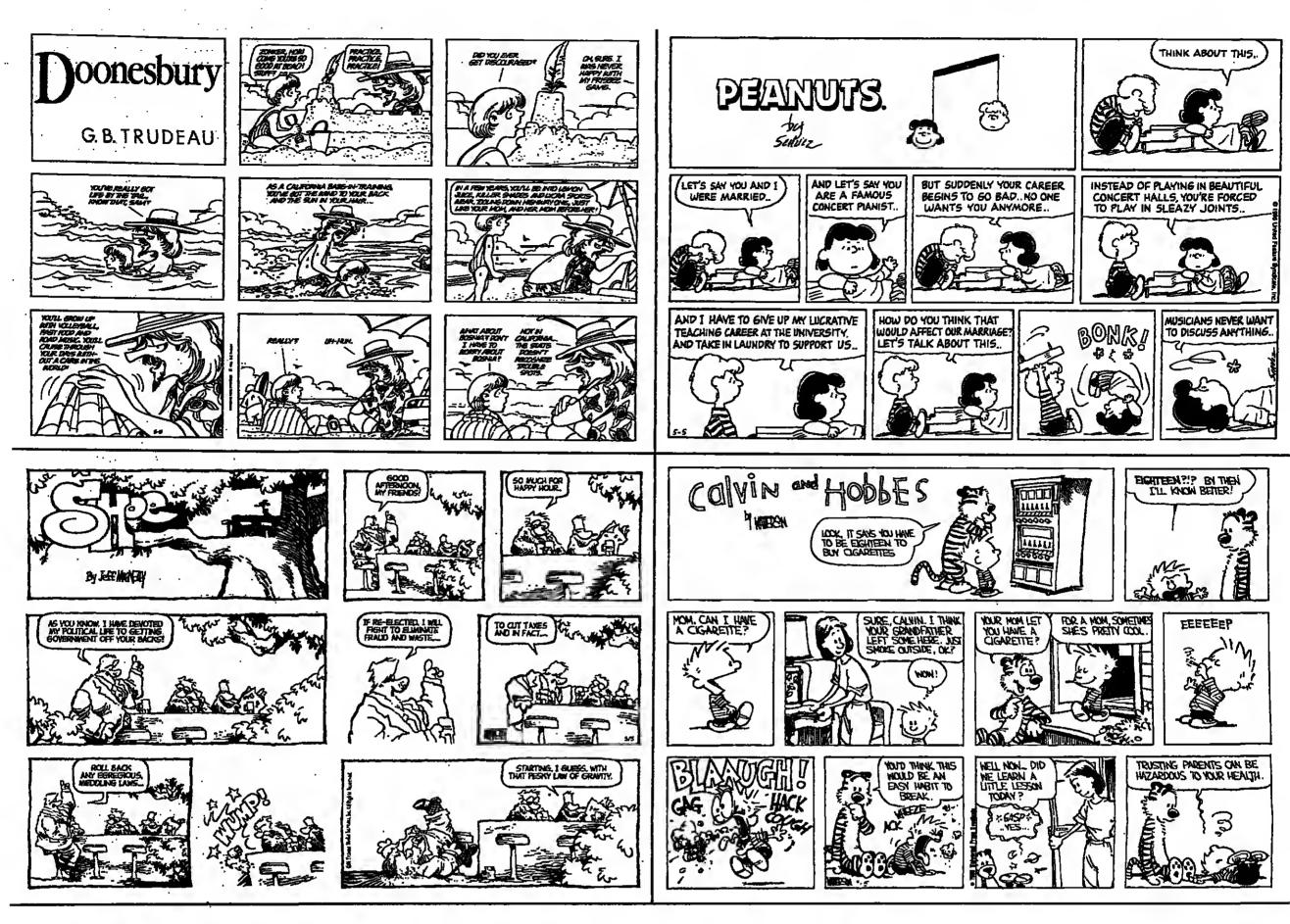
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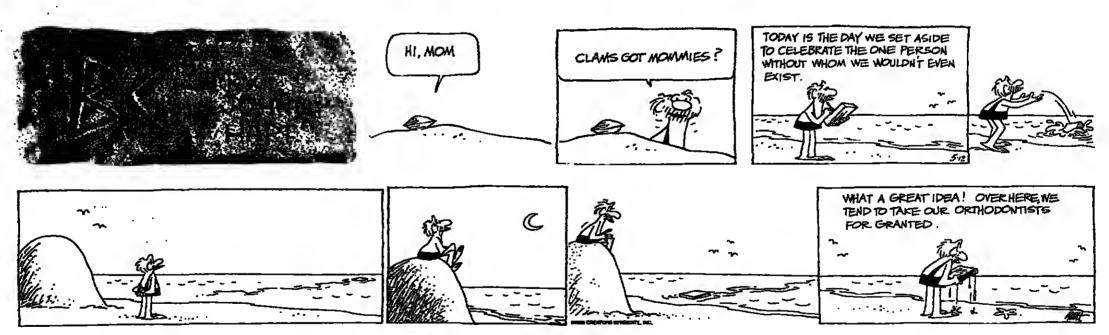




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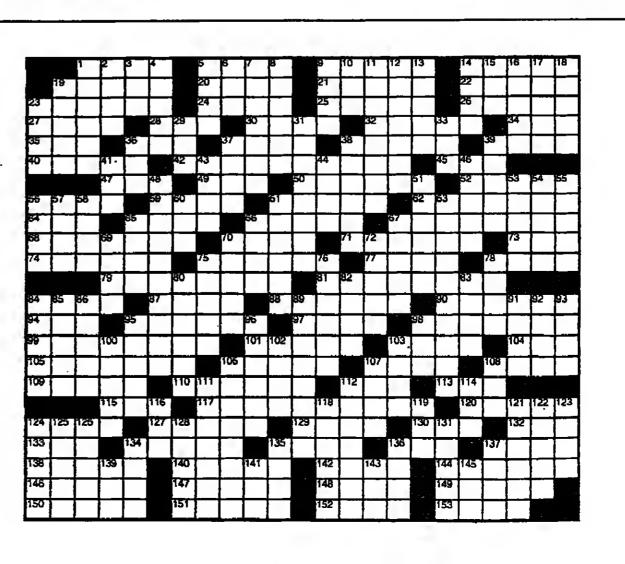
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Clinton reluctantly signs Public Safety Act

By JEFFREY ROSEN

e's very upset, says a senior administration official of President Clinton's Lecision to sign the "Effective Death Penalty and Public Safety Act of 1996." "It breaks his heart."

On the one band, Clinton was reluctant to go down in history as the president who signed the first statutory limitations on habeas corpus since Magna Carta; on the other hand, there was Oklahoma City. So Clinton this week weepily girded himself for the signing

But never mind the tears. The "Public Safety Act" is the nasoest piece of legislation that Clinton has signed during bis four years in office, and his failure to veto it will be a permanent stain on his presidency.

To assuage their jittery consciences, Justice Department officials are suggesting that the real villain in the drama that led to the tertorism bill was the unholy alliance between the American Civil Liberties Union and the National Rifle Association. Before Oklahoma City, the administration proposed a series of measures for expanding the FBI's power to fight international terrorism, including a good-faith exception for illegally conducted wiretaps and greater access to credit records. Waving the banner of Ruby Ridge, a coalition of liberal civil libertarians and conservative anti-federalists persuaded Representative Bob Barr of Georgia to sponsor an amendment removing the Clinton proposals. As soon as the amendment passed last March, the NRA promptly withdrew its opposition to the terrorism bill, which sailed through the House and Senate with hardly any debate last week. "To me, the lesson is that an alliance between the radical right and the radical left serves the radical right," suggests a senior Justice Department official.

This narrative, however, omits two crucial protagonists: President Clinton and Senator Orrin Hatch. After the Oklahoma City bombing, Hatch saw a heaven-sent opportunity ro enact the habeas corpus revolution that Republicans have been proposing for more than a decade. In an inspired bit of ambulance chasing, Hatch dragooned the parents of the Oklahoma bombing victims into endorsing his bill, even though none of them seemed to have a clue what "habeas corpus" meant. Clinton.

for his part, originally insisted in the wake of the bombing that babeas corpus reform had nothing to do with fighting terrotism. But last June, in one of the most egregious flip flops of his presidency, he announced on "Larry King Live" that habeas corpus reform "ought to be done in the context of this terrorism legislation." Two days later, the Senate obliged.

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How radically will the "Public Safety Act" of 1996 change the law of habeas corpus as we know in Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihnan was perhaps a little rash when he compared Clinton's capitulation on habeas corpus to Lincoln's suspension of the Great Witt during the Civil War. Even after the habeas corpus act of 1867, habeas corpus was a relatively thin guarantee that someone couldn't be incarcerated without some kind of fair judicial hearing. After the Supreme Court's Brown v. Allen decision in 1953, however, habeas corpus was transformed into something different: a mechanism by which federal courts can review the substantive and procedural merits of every conviction (or a death penalty) handed down by state courts. The Hatch-Clinton bill would essentially return the law to its pre-1953 condition. requiring federal courts to defer to the legal and factual conclusions of state courts, unless the state court determination involved an "unreasonable application of clearly established federal law or was based on an "unreasonable application of the facts."

This will have no impact at all on fighting terrorists (all of whom are prosecuted in federal rather than state courts in the first place) but will greatly increase the possibility that ordinary Copyright 1996. The New Republic

defendants can be convicted or executed after a state trial that has been tainted with constitutional or factual errors. Nevertheless, the Rehnquist Court, on its own initiative, has been chipping away at habeas corpus for over the decade; and the Clinton-Hatch bill represents more of a coup de grace for the Warren Court's conception of habeas corpus than a drastic departure from the status quo.

Another land mine buried in the "Public Safety Act" will transform federal-state relations almost as radically as the habeas corpus reforms. Section 702 of the bill federalizes thousands of "assaults with a dangerous weapon" previously punished exclusively under state law, with sentences of up to 35 years in a federal prison. At the 11th hour, on April 15, the conference committee deleted a requirement that the conduct had to be politically motivated. As the law stands, therefore, the only limitation on the most dramatic federalization of state criminal law in American history is a requirement of criminal "involvement transcending national boundaries." But this could be satisfied by nothing more than evidence that the defendant used drugs imported from Canada or Mexico.

Finally, there are the immigration provisions. Previously rejected by bipartisan consensus, and smuggled in at the last minute by the conference committee, these provisions would allow the government to deport aliens based on secret evidence; would require the government summarily to exclude aliens who have entered the United States without inspection; and would allow the government to exclude aliens metely on the basis of their membership in illicit organizations. Even the current Supreme Court may well strike down these textbook violations of due process and the First Amendment.

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Jeffrey Rosen the legal affairs editor of The New Republic.

Disney pulls the plug on racist talk

By Alan Dershowitz

That kind of a human being would publicly express the hope that Commerce Secretary Ron Brown would not survive, when news of his plane crash was first disclosed? What sort of classic racist would repeatedly argue that the skeletal structure of African-American faces was not designed for the speaking of civilized language? What manner of crude bigot would suggest that blacks were lower on the evolutionary scale than whites? What type of perverted person would compare minorities to "maggots on a hot day" who multiply so quickly that a mandatory sterilization program is

No, these are not the words of a KKK or neo-Nazi leader --- or a semi-literate drunk at a neighborhood bar. These were the commonly expressed thoughts of a daily talk-show bost in New York City on WABC, a radio station owned by the Disney Corp. Nor were they only occasionally expressed or taken out of the usual context of the talk show's daily litany of racial hate. I have listened to an actual tape recording of several hours of excerpts from the Bob Grant show, which covers several years from 1992 to early 1996.

As you read the following quotations from Bob Grant, try to imagine how they sound when spoken in a mocking and race-baining

On Martin Luther King:

"If they didn't observe Martin Luther King Day there'd be trouble from the savages." "They're not sarisfied with every third street being ML King boulevard...named after that scumbag Marty." (10/15/93).

"We'te dealing with subhumanoid savages... We'te dealing with a lot of people who are much, much farther behind on the evolutionary scale - you understand what I'm saying?" (1-3-94). On a black caller:

weren't intended to speak a civilized language..." (9-16-93).

To another black caller: "On the evolutionary scale you're about 25 generations behind me." (5-2-94).

"His kind do have that problem [of forming words]. Maybe they

On Magic Johnson:

"Why is it raking so long for the HIV to go to full-blown AIDS for crying out loud? I'm making novenas... If the guy would go into full-blown AIDS and deteriorate in front of our eyes and croak then maybe, maybe he could make a contribution." (10/1/92).

On Bill Clinton:

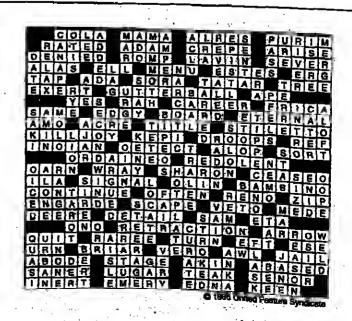
"Wouldn't that be incredible if he were HIV positive... wouldn't that be delicious, though." (5/26/93).

I was in the process of sending copies of this tape to all major Disney executives, as well as executives of ABC, when it was announced that Grant had been fired. I was asking them to listen to the tape and decide whether this is the kind of talk with which they, their companies, their stars, their sponsors, and their consumers want to be associated. The tape proves that these characterizations are factually correct and not mere name-calling. I can imagine no softer words to describe accurately the contents of the Grant program. When WABC took my talk show off their station — I am still on 50 other stations - for making these statements, they made it impossible for themselves to defend keeping Grant on their station because of a commirment to freedom of speech.

Had WABC decided to keep both Grant and me on their New York station — which would have been the best resolution — Disney and ABC could have plausibly argued that they were practicing freedom of expression by keeping open the marketplace of ideas. But by picking and choosing which speech they prefet - in this case more profitable racist speech over less profitable anti-racist speech — they forfeired the freedom of expression claim. They were forced to defend their preference on the merits. This they could not do, because Grant is a racist and his unanswered berating of minorities on a major radio station was legitimating his brand of racism among many listeners who had previously heard such views only whispered in neighborhood bars. In the short term, Disney and ABC might have made more money from Grant's racism than from my anni-racism, but in the long run, neither Disney nor ABC would profit from being associated with a bigoted talk-show host like Grant. Disney had little choice if it was to preserve its important role as a leading communications company in a multi-racial world in which all of its consumers matter.

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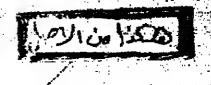


Photo fest from all that nature offers

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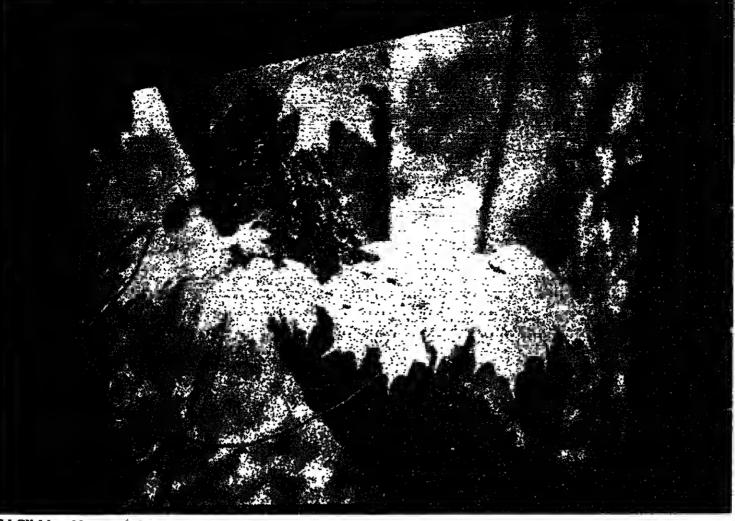
THE long-established symbiotic relationship between photography and nature was given a welcome boost at the second Iarael Nature Photography Convention held March 28 at Tel Aviv's Eretz Yisrael Museum.

The jam-packed one-day program consisted of nine audiovisual presentations, films and lectures. In his keynote address, **Environment Ministry Director-**General Aharon Vardi expressed appreciation to the photographers, "whose work brings the beauty of nature to those who cannot see it for themselves" and makes the public aware of threats to the environment.

Co-organizer Dorit Tabibi, bead of the Society for the Protection of Nature in Israel's tours department, said the symposium gave amateurs the opportunity to meet top environmental photographers, encouraged an appreciation of nature, and fostered interest in photography.

The Hebrew University's Dr. David Darom, the author of 15 books on nature and photography, kicked off the proceedings presentation. "Underwater Photography - a Scientific Adventure."

One of Israel's pioneer nature photographers, the self-taught Darom bas spent hundreds of hours underwater photographing everything from 1-centimeter-long crustaceans and snails to the largest man-eating sharks. To bring reluctant subjects nearer to his lens, Darom explained that it is often necessary to feed the fish and turn over rocks. He also exhibited slides of



Tal Glick's golden maple leaves - taken from a slide on screen.

photographed through a micro-scope and with special lighting. Yossi Esbbol specializes in stalking birds and animals in the

wild. For the past 20 years he has been painstakingly studying their habits and habitats. In some cases be bas built up "working relationships" with his sobjects, like a wolf bitch be was photographing in the

Esbbol notes that the "prey" in Israel - unlike the inquisitive safari animals of Africa - tend to run away. Moreover, many of the local desert fauna are nocturnal. He, therefore, has become an expert in night illumination and building camou-flage blinds. He also experiments, for instance, using sports photography methods to hlur his action shots.

GABI ELDAR'S minimalist A-V presentation, "The Four Seasons through the Lens of a Nature Photographer," was an eye-dazzling display of color, pattern and composition. A crystalline drop of water on a twig. rare shells he has collected and beetle's trail in the sand, a single golden leaf, clouds, streams and trees described a circle of conatantly changing nature. Tens of thousands of shots had to be taken for this one show alone.

Nature Reserves Authority photographer Doron Horowitz's photo essay of Jordan's Wadi Ram, Dana and Zoubiah reserves was a first for an Israeli nature photographer.

Horowitz described the geology and flora as "the same but different" from Israel's. Certainly, the method of sbeep milking - the animals were tied head-to-head - made for one memorable lighthearted image.

Landscape photographer Noah (Neil) Folberg offered the 400plus audience his historical perspective, basing his talk on the early American masters who influence his present-day work. Folherg, who trained uoder William Garnett and Ansel Adams, is a patient perfection-ist. His first book, In a Desert Land, took him seven years to produce.
Tal Glick's "Rovings on the

American Continent confirmed

Folberg's underlying concept that majestic settings make majestic photographs.

Glick's inviting images of snowy mountains, rocky buttes and mirror reflections on water from the Bryce and Grand Canyons, Yosemite National Park and a New England Indian Summer faded one into the next as naturally as day into night. Glick revealed that he uses only standard lenses and no trick photography to achieve his brand of magic.

IN "THE Camera as a Soul Stealer," Yoel Shettrug, photographer and photo editor of Masa Aher ("A Different Journey") magazine, displayed a lively sense of humor. Illustrating his talk with scenes from Saharan

Shettrug quipped, "The cli-mate was so hot the film developed itself."

Like his predecessors ("Dr. Livingstone, I presume"), Shettrug went well-equipped with small coins and Israeli candy for a photographic expedition into Africa's interior.

He claimed that bis bribes of Elite chocolate inspired the Pesek Z'man candy-bar TV commercial, as well as many a

(Repro by David Braumer)

happy-faced portrait. SPNI photographer and event co-organizer Danny Bar-Shahal made the friendly lemurs, giant spiders and largely non-African peoples of the island of Madagascar the subject of his presentation.

Duhi Tal, an Air Force helicopter pilot, takes most of his pictures from the air. Far from his usual skyline shots of Israel, he journeyed to Baffin Island, Canada, to record the life and environment of the lnuit (Eskimo) people.

Rounding off the day was Moshe Alpen's film Jordan, the River of Life, which featured the effects of the severe winter of 1992 on the animal life of the Jordan Valley. A copy of the film was presented to King Hussein by Yitzhak Rabin.

Apart from technical hitches like upside-down slides and the fact that there were no feminine presentations, the day was a resounding success.

A heroic criminal

SRAYA SHAPIRO

TRKE Nachalnik was consecutively a thief, a successful writer, and a war hero. His story is told by Avraham Karpinovitch in a recent issue of Gesher, the periodical published by the Institute for the Research of the Jewish Press of Tel Aviv University.

Nothing in the life of the young Isaac Farberovich (his real name) indicated what lay ahead. He receiveda traditional Jewish education in his home town in Poland in the first decade of this century. His father, an observant Jew, was a well-10-do merchant. His mother died when he was still a child.

But when he was 15 he committed his first robbery - from his father. He escaped his father's ire by heading for the nearest big town

Of a sturdy build, he used to help housewives to carry home the cholent warmed in the baker's oven on Saturdays, for which he was rewarded by a dish of cholent for himself. On the other days of the week he subsisted by thieving. The evenings he spent in the Strashun library.

His small robberies often led him to jail, where he made acquaintance with the criminal underground. In an unsuccessful attempt at bank robbery he was caught and sentenced to eight years in prison.

In the small town of Rawicz, near the German border, the prison was the most conspicuous feature. Its chief warden, Wrobel, was a member of a very small circle of the intelligentsia. Wrobel's idea of improving his prisoners' morale was to induce them to write about their experience, and he provided them with copybooks for that pur-

Urke Nachalnik - Yiddish for Impudent Thief - applied himself enthusiastically to writing, so much so that he was reported to the warden. Wrobel, suspecting political sedition, examined his prisoner's work: It was about morality dominating the world.

At Wrohel's suggestion, Urke began rather describing his experiences in crime. His style was so

vivid that Wrobel showed Urke's copybooks to a visiting professor from Warsaw. Prof. Kowalski was so impressed, he obtained Urke's release, two years early, and passed his manuscript to a Polish publishing house. Biagraphy of a Criminal was an overnight success.

ON LEAVING prison, Urke carried two contrasting introductions from fellow inmates. "David the intellectual," the son of the director of the Yiddish theater in Vilna, urged him to continue writing.
"Haim the big," in prison for patricide, recommended that he "stick to his true profession, and let everybody be blasted."

As befits a good morality story, Urke chose the honorable way. His stories were popular with readers of the major Yiddish press, as well as with the Polish publishers. But the critics of Yiddish letters in Vilna dismissed his style as "too journalisoc."

Deciding to keep away from the critics, Urke moved to a little place near Warsaw. Another reason for the move was the open hostility of his wife's parents, At 38 he had married a sportswoman whom he had met in a Jewish club, Soon they had a son, who promised to become as sturdy as his father.

Life in Otvotzk was uneventful. Urke valiantly resisted the lure of his former profession, concentrating on writing. But in the fall of 1939 the Germans took Warsaw.

Urke's appeal to the community leaders in Warsaw to organize for an emergency was rejected by the decision-makers, who preferred to wait and see what transpired. A direct appeal to his friends in the criminal underground did not fare better. Only two young members rallied with Urke. Together they sabotaged railway lines around

One night they failed to discover a German patrol and were caught and severely beaten. But Urke succeeded in felling one of the patrolmen before he and his comrades were killed.

His wife and son were last seen in the Warsaw Ghetto.

Canada's biggest white elephant

ANADA is not known as a country of big dreams and grand visions. But anyone who doubts there are exceptions has only to drive north from Montreal on Highway 15.

Just under an hour's drive from town, rising silently out of the cow pastures, stands what may be Canada's higgest white elephant.

For most of the day, no airplanes park at its gates, and almost no passengers walk through its terminal. Mirabel Airport, which at its 1975 opening prime minister Pierre Elliott Trudeau said would be "the airport of the 21st century," is today a quiet restament to the dangers of excessive optimism.

An under-performer since it opened as the world's largest airport, Mirabel is about to lose most of the little scheduled passenger business it has left. This winter, the Montreal airport authority announced that all scheduled international flights will be transferred to closer-in Dorval Airport by 1997. Only charter and cargo flights will remain.

One recent afternoon, Mirabel's terminal was nearly empty. Three taxis stood idle in front, waiting vainly for someone willing to pay NIS 100 for the trip into town. Perhaps 20 people strolled around inside, none carrying luggage. All 12 Air Canada check-in counters were closed. So was the high-end restaurant, with a sign saying it would reopen in three days.

Mirabel was conceived in the days before separation struggles cast a pall over business in Quebec, before people and companies began fleeing the Montreal area, back when projections showed Montreal would just keep getting bigger and bigger. By 2000, according to old federal

government projections, 30 million people a year were to be flying into Montreal's two airports.

The federal government was in charge of Mirabel. It chose the rural site, expropriated the land of more than 3,000 farmers - at the time, the 89,000-acre airport was the world's largest in area - and built the facility. Things went awry from the beginning.

At the opening ceremony, a Boeing 747 flew a jumbo load of dignitaries, including Trudeau and the premier of Quebec, to Mirabel from Dorval. They were to be put into one of the mobile lounges and shuttled to the ceremony in the terminal, but first one lounge and then a second one refused to function. The officials had to climb down a stairway from the plane and ride across the tarmac in cars. The crowd of 5,000, one newspaper columnist said recently, was the largest the air-

port would ever see. As the years passed, two promised ground transportation connections were never built. The highway that was to run straight from Dorval to Mirabel stopped less than halfway there, and the high-speed rail line from downtown never got on track. Without that transport, Mirabel never attracted its share of domestic flights, and without enough domestic flights to feed into, international carriers found it hard to attract pas-

sengers. Airport officials were aware of Mirabel's image. In the 1980s, in fact, they adopted a white elephant as the airport's symbol in an attempt to deflect ridicule with bumor. But there weren't many laughs, and one by one international airlines began

slipping away.
(The Washington Post)

Have we found Atlantis?

The legend of the "lost" civilization of Atlantis has taken a new twist following tests of apparently man-made stone found on the seabed near the Bahamas.

Scientists from the British government's Building Research Establishment (BRE) have discovered tiny amounts of coal and gold in the stone, found in shallow waters off the island of Bimini - which has long been beld to be a possible site for Atlantis.

Although the scientists insist that the findings cannot be taken as proving that Atlantis existed, they are bound to be seized on by enthusiasts for the ancient legend. According to the story, which dates back at least as far as Plato, almosi 2,400 years ago, Atlantis was an island lying beyond the Pillars of Hercules, now known as the Straits of Gibraltar.

Its inhabitants were supposedly great and powerful, but they and their island civilization were believed to have been drowned following an earthquake several thousand years BCE. Although dismissed as mere fantasy, even by some ancient Greeks, the legend of Atlantis has never completely died.

In 1933, Edgar Cayce, an American clairvoyant, predicted that the temples of Atlantis would rise again in the late

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1960s off the island of Bimini. The legend received a huge boost in 1968, when a diver found a mysterious j-shaped "road" of closely-packed stones off the north-west coast of Bimini. Tests suggested that both the road and the stones had been

specially made. An archaeological expedition in the same area in 1975 found man-made stone with a sophisticated longue-and-groove joint system, and marble pillars, the like of which had never been seen in the Bahamas.

Tests made by the British team have revealed a speck of coal in one of the samples, suggesting that the stone had been made by some type of cemeot-firing Drocess. More detailed analysis pro-

duced evidence of "cement clinker" in the samples. According to Kelvin Pettifer, head of the BRE's Petrographic Unit, which studies and classifies rock, this suggests that the stones had been made some time before the 1820s, when the modem "Portland cement" process was invented. Just how many years before, bowever, Pettifer could not tell.

Using an electron microscope. David Rayment, head of the BRE's Electron Microanalytical Unit, also found a tiny strip of gold within one stone sample which showed signs of having

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been worked by a craftsman.

Despite these findings, the BRE scientists insist that there is still no hard evidence for the existence of Atlantis. "Much as I'd like to believe it, there is nothing in any of the samples that is enough to convince me," said Pettifer.

It could bave been, he said, that the marble pillars and other man-made materials were intended for a cotton plantation mansion but ended up on the seabed following a shipwreck.

He added that the blocks making up the undersea "road" are made from limestone, a very poor road-building material. Even so, he admitted: "I can't account for the road being there.

Reaction to news of the findings from believers in the Atlantis legend has been mixed. Paul Dunbavin, author of The Atlantis Researches, published last year, said that the findings were tantalizing, but inconclusive: "What we really need is better dating."

However, Rose Flem-Ath, American co-author of When the Sky Fell: In Search of Atlantis, also published last year, was more enthusiastic. "It's fascinating," she said. "It's amazing that the scientists don't think this is evidence of some ancient civilization.

(The Sunday Telegraph)

Keeping pet snakes

course.

HEADS 'N' TAILS D'VORA BEN SHAUL

child and kept an American King in my room, but taking care of one is not for everyone. Not only is it looked upon with

extreme disfavor by most parents and even siblings, but it is a difficult and demanding hobby and certainly not one to be adopted casually. But for those who are interested. the first question is usually "what kind of snake?"

Non-poisonous snakes - including coin snakes, king snakes and smaller boas - not only do not have

any venom to inject but actually have no fangs and couldn't bite even if they wanted to do so. Where to buy a pet snake can be

very complicated. All snakes here are protected species and may not be caught or

kept without a special permit from the Israel Nature Reserves Authority. The penalty for keeping a protected animal without a permit includes fines and even, in some cases, imprisonment. Some hobbyists have brought American King snakes and the like

from a trip abroad or have ordered them shipped here. This requires an import license from the Veterinary Service of the Agriculture Ministry in Beit Dagan. But for the amateur herpetologist, the real problem in keeping

snakes is supplying them with the proper food. For most snakes, this means live mice. Although some snakes can eventually be trained to take dead mice for dinner, this is a time-consuming and difficult

In any case, one still has to kill the mice, so it is not a job or a hobby for

was fascinated by snakes as a the squeamish. Nor is it always easy to get live mice for the pet, although in larger cities they even sell frozen whole mice in pet shops that are a good answer if one can persuade the snake to eat them. They have to be thawed and warmed to something approximating body temperature, of

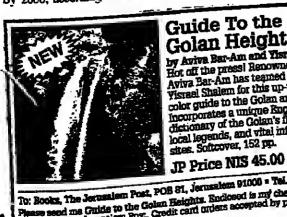
> Even when dealing with smaller snakes that eat lesser prey, the matter is not simple. For some, a supply of certain insects or grubs must be provided, while for others one needs to raise meal worms or fly larvae, both of which are somewhat demanding.

In addition, each species has its own requirements as to humidity, temperature and living arrangements - and these are not always easy to provide.

The best suggestion I can give all these young snake keepers is to really learn their subject first. This means not only doing some exten-sive reading on the subject but also, if at all possible, volunteering for work at the vivanium of their local zoo or zoology department of their nearest university.

If they are serious, it is there they will find people who will be willing to share their knowledge and experience, which will give the aspiring herpetologist a chance to see if this is really something he wants to undertake.

Another consideration is that most of these young people will soon be away from home for several years of military service, and while they may be able to enlist mom to take care of their dog or even their birds, it's doubtful that she will want to keep their snakes.



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Spurs, Sonics, Rockets advance to next round

Pacers down Hawks to force deciding game

PHOENIX (AP) - David Robinson had 30 points and 13 rebounds, and Vinny Del Negro added 25 points as San Antonio beat Phoenix 116-98 Friday night to win their first-round series in four games.

The Spurs, who had lost their six previous playoff games in Phoenix, will meet the winner of the Portland-Utah series io the second round.

Del Negro, who set a career playoff high with 29 points in Game 1, scored nine points in the third quarter Friday night, when the Spurs broke the game open hy outscoring the Suns 33-18.

Phoenix made 14 of 21 shots in the period to stretch a one-point halftime lead into an 85-69 advantage going into the fioal

Avery Johnson had 15 points and 13 assists for the Spurs, who won the best-of-5 series 3-1.

Charles Barkley led the Suns with 21 points, but was only 6-of-15 from the field. Reserve Chris Carr added 17 points for Phoenix, which was 41-41 in the regu-

San Antonio, which led by as many as 23 points in the fourth quarter, was 10-of-16 from 3point range, including 5-of-7 hy Del Negro. The 10 3-pointers were a playoff record for the

The Spurs, stung hy the Suns' 14-rebound edge in their Game 3 victory, dominated the boards in Game 4, outrebounding Phoenix

The Spurs led 52-51 at intermission after a first half that featured 10 lead changes and no lead of more than four points hy either

The Suns cut the Spurs' lead to 67-61 on a 3-pointer hy Wesley Person with 5:58 left in the third quarter, hul San Antooio finished the period with an 18-8 run, most of it after Rohinsoo went to the bench with his third foul.

THURSDAY'S GAMES
Pacers 83, Hawks 75
Indiana held host Atlanta scoreless for more than seven minutes in the fourth quarter to stay alive.

The Pacers evened the series at two games apiece eveo without Reggie Miller, who continued to be sidelined with an injured eye socket. The de-ciding game in the best-of-5 series is today at Indianapolis.

The Hawks missed 13 shots in a row after Grant Long's tip-in with 8:32 remaining cut the Pacers lead to 73-71. By the time Long broke the streak -tipping in another miss appropriately - there was only 1:09 left and the Pacers had built the lead to 10

kets to avoid playoff iofamy after making a run at the postseason record for fewest points (8) in a quarter. They finished with 11 in the fourth,

hut that was little consolation.

Rik Smits scored 15 nf his 17 points in the first half to lead the Pacers, who also got 14 from Derrick McKey and 12 apiece from Mark Jackson and Ricky Pierce.
Rockets 102, Lakers 94

Hakeem Otajuwoo seored 25 poiots, including two key haskets down the stretch, as host Houstoo bea Los Angeles night to win their The Rockets, seeking their third

straight NBA championship, will mett Seattle in the second round. The SuperSonics beat Sacramento t01-87 Thursday night to win their series 3-1.

The Lakers cut Houston's lead to 91-86 on a jumper by Anthony Pecler with 4:28 left, hut Olajuwon then made a baseline jumper and a hook shot to put the Rockets up 95-86 with

57 seconds remaining.
The Lakers pulled to 98-94 oo a 3pointer by Cedric Ceballos with 16 seconds left, but Sam Cassell made two free throws for Houston and Clyde Drexler capped the win with a steal and layup with six seconds

Kenny Smith scored 17 points for Hauston on 6-for-6 shooting from the field, including 4-for-4 on 3-pointers. Robert Horry also had 17 points for the Rockets, and Chucky Brown add-

Ceballos led the Lakers with 25 points and 12 rebounds, while Elden Campbell and Nick Van Exel each nad 15 points. The Rockets shut down Magic Johnson for the second straight game, holding him to eight points on 2-for-S shooting and five Johnson, who played 32 regular-

season games after coming out of retirement, was 0-for-3 in the second half and never was able to ignite the Lakers. He scored only seven points io Tuesday's 104-98 loss to the

SuperSonies 101, Kings 87 Seattle ended its first-round playoff jinx, using Gary Payton's 29 points to beat Sacramento and reach the sec-

Shawn Kemp added 23 points for the Sonics, who won Games 3 and 4 in Sacramenio to capture the series 3-1.

The Kings, the only team in the playnffs with a losing record this season, lost leading scorer Mitch Rich-mond with a sprained right ankle in the second quarter. Richmond, who didn't play in the second balf, also was the Kings' best defender against

Payton.

Lionel Simmons had a season-high
24 points and Tyus Edney had 14
points for the Kings, who reached the
playaffs for the first time in a decade. The game was ned 36-36 wheo nd was hurt with 5:29 left before halftime. Richmond averaged 26

points in the first three games of the Seattle took a 50-48 halftime lead, with Kemp and Paytoo scoring t2

points apiece in the first half. Pnytoo took over the game in the third quarter with Richmond in the locker room, scoring to points as the Sonics built a 77-69 lead entering the fourth quarter. Seanle led by as many

as 14 points in the third quarter.

The Kings got within eight points in the opening minutes of the final period, but Kemp's three-point play with 6:49 left stretched the Seattle lead to 88-77 and the Kings got no closer than 10 points the rest of the game.

NBA PLAYOFFS EASTERN CONFERENCE Indiana 83, Atlanta 75 (Thu.) Today: Atlanta at Indiana WESTERN CONFERENCE Houston 102, LA Lakers 94 (Thu.) (Houstoo wins series 3-1) Seattle 101, Sacramento 87 (Thu.) San Antonio 116, Phoenix 98 (San Antonio wins series 3-1)
Today: Utah at Portland (Series tied 2-2)

SECOND ROUND Las: night: Houston at Seattle Today: New York at Chicago

Canada advances to finals with penalty-shootout win over Russia

VIENNA (AP) - Canada defeated Russia on a dramatic penalty shot by Yanic Perreault, and the Czech Republic overwhelmed the US 5-0 Friday to reach the finals of the World Ice Hockey Championships.

The Canadian victory was set-

tled on a penalty shootout when the game was tied 2-2 after regulation and a 10-minute overtime.

In the first segment of five penalty shots for each team, the Russians and Canadians scored once - with Sergei Berezin scoring for the Russians and Ray Ferraro scoring for Canada.

Berezin scored on Russia's first shot to give them a 1-0 lead, which stayed that way until Ferraro tied on Canada's last shot. Victor Kozlov had a chance to win it for Russia on his final shot, hut he missed wide on the backhand.

On the sixth shot - now a sudden-death situation - Berezin beat Canadian goalie Curtis Ioseph, but Kariya came back to equal - heating Russian goalie Andrei Trefilov with a high shot from a wicked angle.

On the seventh and deciding shot, Valeri Karpov was stopped on a glove save by Joseph, but Perreault stepped up and heat Trefilov high on the glove side for the winner.

The dramatie win sets up today's final pitting the 20-time champion Canadians against the Czechs, who haven't won the title since 1985 but have picked up five bronze medals since them.

Canada last won in 1994. Failing to reach the final ends a streak for Russia, which has won the title a record-22 times. Beginning in 1963, the Russians never went more than two years without winning the title. Russia's last gold was in 1993.

The Czechs won their game in a span of 27 seconds in the first three minutes of the game when they stunned the Americans with two short-handed goals.



KUDOS FOR CANADA - Canada's Yannick Perrault raises his arms after scoring the deciding penalty in a shootout past Russian goalie Andrei Trefilov on Friday in Vienna.

Johnson, Barkley ponder **futures**

HOUSTON (AP) - Was this Magic Johnson's last game? Was il Charles Barkley's last

game, or at least his last ooe in a Phoenix Suns uniform? Johnson, who sat on the bench for much of the fourth quarter of the Los Angeles Lakers' 102-94 loss to the Houston Rockets that eliminated them from the NBA

mitments. Nor was he planning another retirement speech. "I want to come back," Johnson said. "If I feel that there's something different, then I won't come back. Right now I feel like I want to come hack. I hope to be

playoffs, wasn't making any com-

Johnson, who scored only eight points, said he was disappointed hy his team's lack of cohesion and

its finger-pointing in the series. The Rockets beat Los Angeles with teamwork, not talent, he said. "It's just the trust in one another," he said. "They trust in one another. We doo't have that

As for Barley, he is feeling differently now than he did after the 1994 and 1995 seasons, when he announced his retirement moments after the Rockets knocked his Suns out of the playoffs in the second round hnt theo changed

his mind in the offseason. This time around, he's feeling good physically and says he plans to return for a 13th NBA season. But after San Antonio beat Phoenix 116-98 Friday night to eliminate the Suns in the first round, Barkley wasn't sure he would remain in Phoenix.

"I do realize that I'm one of the few tradable options that the Suns have, so I understand that is part of it," Barkley said. "That's their prerogative, bul I feel very good physically, and it could only get better from this year."

The 33-year-old superstar has two years left on his contract with the Suns. He said he would have lo approve any trade.

"I feel they would come to me and discuss it with me, because they know I wouldn't go just anywhere." said Barkley, who this season became the 10th player in NBA history to get 20,000 points

and 10.000 rebounds in a career. He also had his best season since winning the league MVP award in 1993. Barkley averaged,

Expos turn NL East upside down

NEW YORK (AP) - in October, none of il may matter. For oow, though, Felipe Alou and the Montreal Expos can boast. "At least we were the kings of

April." Alou said. Despite being picked to finish last in the National League East, month of the season with the World Series champion Atlanta Braves trailing them in the

After the season's first 25 games Mootreal owned the best record in baseball with a roster of young players whose combined salaries are slightly higher than Cecil Fielder's yearly rate.

And just look at some of the names in that starting lineop. Grudzielanek, Lansing, Rodriguez and Santangelou haven't made any All-Star appearances. hut after one month they've helped the Expos hecome this season's higgest surprise.

"We were picked last, and we've had hack-to-hack players of the week," Alou said. "We've made some of the best defensive plays that I've ever seen, including one where my center fielder was seriously hurt.

"But the players are enjoying this right now. We kicked some butt in April. You never know what May hrings, bul at least we had that."

Montreal entered a three-game series against the New York Mets having won nine of its last 10 the looe loss a 6-5, 13-inning defeat at Colorado - and was coming off the most prolifie game in team history. The Expos surpassed a cluh record for runs in a 21-9 rout of the Rockies last

saw lots of long balls.

and 3.6% higher than April 1994.

search hy the Elias Sports Bureau.

NEW YORK (AP) - Baseball's longest April

There were 826 homers in 359 games for an

average of 2.30, up 64 percent from the 1.40

average in 1992, the last year before expansion

Runs were up 28% from 1992, lo an average of

Texas (26), Minnesota (24) and Montreal (21)

all scored 20 runs in a game, the first time three

On April 24, teams scored 195 runs for an

average of 13.93 per game, a modern record for

days with 14 or more games, according to re-

Barry Bonds, Gary Sheffield and Brady An-

ing the major league record for April shared by average.

derson hit 11 homers apiece in the month, match-

teams did it in one month since June 1950.

10.58, which is 1.7% higher than two years ago.

They lead the NL in batting average, runs scored, home runs, RBIs and slugging percentage. Thaoks to the seasoo's early start, the Expos established a club record for wins in April, and their 17-8 start was only exceeded hy the 1979 team's 18-7 record

"We were picked to finish last with the lowest payroll in baseball, hut we're having fun right now," Alou said. "I know that I'm having fun."

And, in Montreal, the Expos are the only game in town....

While the Montreal Canadiens are making tee times after being eliminated from the Stanley Cup playoffs, the Expos are teeing off on NL pitchers.

in the Colorado blowout, the Expos hit two grand slams, raising their season total to six. Shortstop Mark Grudzielanek, who earlier this season hit in 17 straight games and led the majors in hits April, went 5-for-7 and F.P. Santangelou, starting in center field for the injured Rondell White, set career hests with four hits and five RBIs.

Six regulars are currently hitting over 300, and the team's run production is better than that of the powerful Cleveland Indians.

Henry Rodriguez has nine homers and was named the NL's player of the week after homering in four straight games. David Segui, among the league leaders in hits, average and RBIs, was selected as the leagues's player of the week from April 15-21.

The lone hlemish to the elub's first month was the injury to White, a potential superstar, who hadly hruised his kidney aod spleen crashing into the outfield

Hitting way ahead of pitching so far

Graig Nettles (1974).

Seattle in August 1985.

20% for the first mooth last year.

wall at Coors Field after making a spectacular, diving catch. White, who the Expos have

signed to a five-year contract, is expected to take at least two months to recover. He has been replaced on the roster by his best fried Cliff Floyd.

career-threatening injury after he hroke six of the eight bones at the base of his left hand in a frightening collision at first base last year. Alou played 17 years in the

majors, and has always had a knack for getting his players to reach their potential. "They've always been a tough baseball club," New York manager Dallas Green said. "Felipe

has a gift for getting the best out

of his people. There are some

talented kids there." The Expos were leading their division in 1994 when the players' strike ended the season. Unable to sign many of their high-profile players like Marquis Grissom, Larry Walker, John Wetteland, Dennis Martinez, Andres Galarraga, Ken Hill and Delino De-Shields, ownership ordered management to keep the payroll

around \$15 million. That's called small-market survival in '90s baseball.

Montreal general manager Jim Beattie was familiar with money restraints after spending six seasons in Seattle.

"I understood how the Montreal Expos worked," said Beattie, made GM last October. Hopefully, though, revenuesharing next year will help and we can be in a picture where we can compete." lt's early, but the Expos al-

Willie Stargell (1971), Mike Schmidt (1976) and

Montreal became the first team to hit six grand

slams in a month, topping the previous record set

by Baltimore in September 1983 and matched by

Fans started coming back. The average atten-

dance was up 7% in the first four weeks of the

season, from 23,606 to 25,260 for the first 338

dates. Following the strike, the average dropped

Television viewers also increased, ESPN's first

Despite efforts to cut game time, the average

14 hroadcasts averaged a 1.9 rating, up 27% from

for a nine-inning game was 2 hours, 53 minutes.

That was down just one minute from last year's

last year's I.5 hui down I4% from 1994's 2.2.

Penguins, Red Wings, Panthers, Hawks draw first blood in conference semifinals

PITTSBURGH - Jaromir Jagr scored twice and set up Mario Lemicux's game-winning goal as the Pittsburgh Penguins won a shootout of the stars, beating the New York Rangers 4-3 Friday in series.

Lemieux and Mark Messier, two of the three finalists for the Hart Trophy awarded the NHL's best player, each had a goal and an assist as the Penguins opened 1-0 series lead against New York for the third lime since 1989. Pittsburgh won the other two

Messier led a third-period flurry that hriefly put New York ahead 3-2.

It took Lemieux to finish off the Penguins' uncharacteristic opening-game victory - they are only 13-16 in Game 1 of playoff series - by scoring at 12:43 of the third period. Jagr's spinaround move at the blue line shook him free of defenseman Bruce Driver, allowing him to make an on-thetape cross-ice pass to Lemieux in the lower left circle.

Red Wings 3, Blues 2 Sergei Fedorov scored his first playoff goal with 2:06 remaining, giv-ing Detroit a 3-2 victory over visiting St. Louis in Game 1 of their series. Paul Coffey intercepted a pass and started the play with a feed to Vya-cheslav Kozlov. He skated into the left circle, then slipped the puck to Fedorov in the slot. Fedorov forced goalie Jon Casey left, then flipped it into the ner on the stick side.

Dino Ciccarelli and Darren which had the league's best record this season. Shayne Corson and Brett Hull scored for St. Louis. Hull's goal moved him into a 15th place tie with his father, Bobby, on the career playoff scoring list, each with 62. THURSDAY'S GAMES

Panthers 2, Flyers 0 John Vanbiesbrouck recorded his. first playoff shutout in nine years and Stu Barnes had a goal and an assist as visiting Florida stunned Philadelphia io the opener of their Eastern Confer-ence semifinal series.

Vanbiosbrouck stopped 18 shots en route to his third career playoff shut-out and first since 1987, when he blanked Philadelphia 3-0 as a member of the New York Rangers.
The Flyers, who finished the season

with the best record in the conference, generated few solid scoring chances in getting blanked in the playoffs for the first time since 1989.

Jeremy Roenick's powerplay goal at 6:29 of overtime lifted Chicago to a triumph over host Celorado in the opener of their series. Roesick whipped a one-timer into a virtually open goal from the left faceoff circle after Tony Amonte's cross-ice pass from the right circle left

Colorado goaltender Patrick Roy at the wrong set of the net. The goal came with 10 seconds left on Chris Simon's high-sticking penalty. Rosoick's third career playoff overtime goal ended Roy's playoff sudden-death winning streak at 12

Colorado had two solid chances to win it earlier in overtime, but back was with the Blackhawks. On a Colorado powerplay that opened the sudden death period, Joe Sakie broke in ahead of the Chicago

defense, but he misfired the shot and Ed Belfour stopped it easily. Three and a half minutes into the extra session, Valeri Kamensky had a hreakaway, but hia haekhaoder dinged off the left goal post, keeping Chicago alive:

The Avalanche carried a 2-1 lead into the third period, but Murray Cra-ven tied it with a powerplay goal 1-58 into the period. (AP, Reuter)

NHL PLAYOFFS Second Round (Best-of-7) EASTERN CONFERENCE Florida 2, Philadelphia 0 (Thur.) (Florida leads series 1-0) Last night: Florida at Philadelphia Pittsburgh 4, NY Rangers 3 (Friday)
Pittsburgh leads series 1-0 Today: NY Rangers at Pittsburgh

WESTERN CONFERENCE Chicago 3, Colorado 2, (OT) (Thur.) (Chicago leads series 1-0) Last night: Chicago at Colorado Detroit 3, St. Louis 2 (Friday) (Detroit leads series 1-0)
Today: St. Louis at Detroit

Indians beat M's in earthquake-suspended game: Braves lose as Maddux gives up first-ever grand slam

SEATTLE (AP) - In a game suspended hy an earthquake that wohhled the Kingdome and shook up its fans, the Cleveland Indians held on to beat the Seattle Mariners 6-4 Friday night. Four fans got into the festive

posl-earthquake mood by wear-

ing yellow hard hats. Orel Hershiser (3-2), who departed the field in favor of Julian Tavares just before the 5.4 magnitude temblor hit in the seventh inning Thursday night, got the

victory. Jose Mesa pitched the

ninth for his 10th save in as many

During the earthquake, speakers overhanging the field swayed in the Kingdome, as did the press box, but there were no reports of major damage.

In the regularly scheduled game. Tony Pena and Julio Franco hit homers as the Indians who won their fifth straight, 5-2. Rangers 11, Tigers 0

Keo Hill pitched a Ooe-hitter in Detroit, allowing only an infield single in the first inning, and Juan GonHill (4-2) gave up an infield single to Bobby Higginson in the first before retiring 26 straight batters. The right-hander struck out seven and walked hander struck out seven and walked none for his first AL shotout and

Orioles 8, Brewers 2 In Balthnore, Brady Anderson hit a pair of two-run homers and B.J. Surhoff also homered twice against his former team, powering the Orioles.

It was the third multi-homer game of the season for Anderson, who leads the majors with 14 home mas.

Yankees 2, White Sox 0 Dwight Gooden pitched six score-less innings in New York, but Mariano Rivera (3-0) picked up the win after two hitless innings of relief. Gooden allowed only three hits and struck out four, but issued six walks and had 10 three-ball counts to the 25 hitters he faced.

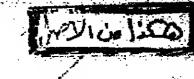
NATIONAL LEAGUE Phillies 6. Braves 3 Renito Santiago hit the first grandslam eyer allowed by Greg Maddux, connecting in the minh iming for his second home run of the game off the Athana ace and leading visiting Philadeiphia over Atlanta.

loaded homer in 2,174% career inaings until Santiago's homer with one out broke a 2-2 tie. The Phillies scored five times in the ninth off Maddux (4-2) and won for the eighth time in nine games.

Maddux took a three-hitter and 2 2-I lead into the ninth as he tried to preserve Atlanta's 16-0 mark when leading after eight innings. FRIDAY'S AL RESULTS: FRAMENT'S AL RESULTS:
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Mac. Haifa postpones Mac. TA's party

dent, this weekend's 28th round of National League soccer action ALTHOUGH laden with inci-

of National League soccer action ended with the championship race and relegation battles undecided.

At the top, late wins for Maccabi Tel Aviv and Maccabi Haifa mean that the title battle will continue at least another week. Even so, with the Tel Avivans six points clear and needing just one point from their final two matches, Haifa's efforts seem likely to es. Haifa's efforts seem likely to do little more than postpone Dror Kashtan's celebrations.

Having lost just twice this season, it is unlikely the Tel Avivans will throw the championship away now.

Tel. Aviv's victory also eliminated any chance of Betar Jerosalem capturing the title, despite the capital squad's victory yesterday and its clash with Maccabi Tel Aviv next Shabbat.

At the foot of the standings, Maccabi Jaffa was unable to squeeze a desperately needed victory from its visit to fellow struggler Hapoel Beersheba. The point gained is simply not enough to prevent the inevitable.

Betar Tel Aviv looks certain to be other side to take the fall into the Second Division, with a 3-1 away losa to Betar Jerusalem, while Zafririm Holon cased its plight with an impressive 5-2 victory over Bnei Yehuda.

LONDON (Reuter) - Police had

to disperse fighting fans at yester-

day's Division Two clash between

relegated Hull and Bradford,

whose 3-2 away win ensured a

There was trouble before, dur-

ing and after the match and at

one point players and officials

were forced to remain in the cen-

ter of the pitch during a 10-min-

nte delay while order was

After the game, fans battled in

the streets outside the main

stand. Missiles were thrown and

police used batons and riot

Inside the ground, Hull fans

staged a sit-in which lasted about

45 minutes. None of the young

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fans who were carried away from

shields. Arrests were made.

PREMIER LEAGUE: No gomes.

restored,

Hap. Petah Tikva 0, Mac. Tel Aviv 2 Maccabi missed the steadying infinence of Nir Klinger, who was unable to play due to illness. For most of the game the league leaders had trouble performing against a Petah Tikva aide that refused to yield any favors.

The breakthrough came late in the match through defender Ya'acov Hil-lel, who let loose and beat Petah Tikva's Shai Hess in the 82nd minute. The Tel Aviv fans, who formed a massive majority of the 8,000 crowd, became ecstatic - knowing that if the scoreline stayed level at Kiryat Eliezer they would be celebrating their second league title in a row.

Two minutes later, Itzik Zohar added a second goal for Maccabi from a curving free kick. Unfortunately, this prompted several hundred jubi-lant Tel Aviv fans to invade the pitch, interrupting play for over 10 minutes. By the time referee Daoud Souhil

was able to restart the game with the unruly fans crowded along the sidelines, the joyous atmosphere had be-come slightly muted by the news of Maccabi Haifa's two late goals.

Maccabi Haifa 2, Hapoel Haifa 6
The turning point in this ill-tempered derby came with the 72nd-minute dismissal of Hapoel defender Vasislav Sokristov, followed by his teammate Demir Leziak in the final The numerical advantage allowed

Maccabi to call the shots, and it was only the brave goalkeeping and fast reactions of Zoltan Weg in the Hapoel goal that kept Maccabi at bay until the game's dying moments.

Alon Harazi managed to score off a corner in the 89th minute, with Alon Hazan adding another from the pen-

a danger area when the crowd

surged over a barrier and on to

the pitch early in the second half

Hull fans were demonstrating

against relegation, blaming club

director Martin Fish and manager

Last Saturday, the second divi-

sion game between Brighton and

York was abandoned after Brigh-

ton fans swarmed on to the pitch

to protest against plans to share a

Several people were injured

On a brighter note, Oxford

clinched promotion to the first

division with a 4-0 win over

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and the Football Association has

ground with Portsmouth.

launched an inquiry.

Peterborough.

Terry Dolan.

were reported as seriously hurt.

DEREK FATTAL

Betar Jerusalem 3, Betar Tel Aviv 1 On a day in which the capital squad was eliminated from any chance of winning the title, the Jerusalemites virtually killed off the Tel Avivans'

hopes of avoiding the big drop. Stefan Saloi opened the scoring in the 13th minute, latching on to an Eitan Mizrahi shot that rebounded off the woodwork.

The visitors put up a spirited battle, as Victor Mundi tied the scores in the 42nd minute with a well-measured lob over Itzik Kornfein.

Four minutes into the second period, the Tel Avivans could have gone ahead from the penalty spot, but Yaniv Aberjil delivered a tame shot that Komfein managed to smother. In the 58th minute, the Tel Avivans

paid the price - as Isrvan Pishonet gave the Jerusalemites the lead. Ronnen Harazi came on the field late in the match to score a stunning 90th-

Fiapoel Beersheba 0, Maccabi Jaffa 0 halfa fans gained nothing from this goaless draw, which leaves their side firmly rooted to the bottom. While Jaffa made up a point up on 15th-placed Betar Tel Aviv, the remaining two matches of the season are unlike-ty to provide Maccabi with an opporlunity to raise itself beyond the two

relegation spots.

Beersheba's failure to take three points leaves the team in trouble, as it falls to 14th in the standings.

Zafririm Holon 5, Baei Yehuda 2 This victory should secure Holon's future in the top flight. The match began rather uncomfortably, with Baci Yehuda scoring in just the

DIVISION TWO: Brentford 2, Bourne-month 6; Bristol Rovers 2, Wycoarbe 1; Bornley 2, Shrewsbury 1; Carliele 2, Bristol City 1; Chesterfield 1, Noth County 6; Hull City 1; Chesterfield 1, Noth County 6; Hull Rotherhans 6, Wresham 1; Swanses 2, Crewe 1; Swindon 6, Stockport 0; Waisall 2, Brighton 1; Yerk 6, Biackport 2.

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Baci Yehuda then threw the match away by conceding two penalties in four minutes to give the Holonis a 3-1 lead by the 20th minute, as Ran Hafiffired both in from the spot. The second penalty cost the visitors the services of Nir Shitreet, who was sent off.

Maners worsened for Bnei Yehuda with the dismissal of Aharon Siton. Meanwhile, Holon increased the heat after the break with futther goals from Dudu Sha'ar and Dennis Es-seny. Vasily Muk: 's tate reply for the Baei Yehuda served merely to console.

Rishon Lexion 1, Hapoel Beil She'an 1 Rishoo can relax, as the point gained takes them out of the relega-tion battle for this season. Beit She'an has cause to feel safer too, as it now rises to five points above the danger

Rishon goalkeeper Savit Elimelach became the first goalkeeper to score this season, convening a 55th-minute penalty. Soon afterwards, Rishoo's Yaron Ben-Dov was shown a red card for an overzealous challenge.

The visitors equalized in the 79th

minute through Hana Farhoud, after being reduced to 10 men a minute earlier when Shimon Dhanan was Hep. Tel Aviv 5, Hap. Kfar Sava 0

Yossi Medar had a field day against a Kfar Sava side that seemed to have left its defense somewhere on the mad to Bloomfield, as he found the goal four times.

Mac. Herzliya 1, Mac. Petah Tikva 4 The Peteb Tikvans had a rotten start, with Guy Gatt haing sent off for Fans battle police at Hull-Bradford match

DIVISION THREE Barnet 3, Falham 6;

Bury 3, Cardiff 0; Cambridge 2, Leyton Orient 0; Chester 2, Mansfield 1; Colches-

ter t, Doscaster 0; Gillingham 1, Scarbor-ough 0; Hereford 2, Rochdale 0; Lincoln S,

Torquay 0; Plymouth 3, Harilepool 0; Fres-ton 2, Exeter 0; Scanthorpe 3, Darlington 3; Wigna 1, Northampton 2.

Final battle for Premier League title today

LONDON (Reuter) - Manchester United are set to land their

third title in four seasons when the battle for the Premier League

Newcastle United, know that a draw at Middleshrough will

Newcastle's championship ambitions were all but shattered by

Newcastle's only realistic hope of snatching the crown is to win

their last game at home to Tottenham and for Manchester

United to lose against the Middlesbrough side now managed by

A draw for United would leave Newcastle needing to win by

seven goals against Tottenham to win its first title since 1927.

Leaders United, two points clear of their only title rivals

crown is settled on the final day of the campaign today.

almost certainly be enough to secure their triumph.

a 1-1 draw away to Nottingham Forest on Thursday.

one of Old Trafford's favorite sons, Bryan Robson.

fourth minute from Igor Shkvrin, but handling in the area in the 24th min-Oren Zeituni pulleu back four min- utc. Roman Filipchuk converted the resulting penalty for the Herzliyans.

Despite the setback. the visitors fought back with a deadly four-goal burst in the second half.

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Muster, Becker upset

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in Munich MUNICH (Reuter) - Thomas

Muster's remarkable winning streak on clay and Boris Becker's dream of a first triumph on the surface both hit the dust vesterday in the semifinals of the Munich Open.

Spanish teenager Carlos Moya ended Muster's winning run of of 38 matches when he beat the French Open champion 6-3, 6-3 in the first semifinal, the Austrian's first defeat on the surface since August last year.

German second seud Becker then lost a grueling and dramatic second semifinal against Czech Slava Dosedel 7-6 2-6 7-6 to bow out of the tournament in his home city.

The 19-year-old Moya played some brilliant shots to defeat the Austrian who last lost on clay in the final of the Kitzbuchel tournament last August.

Becker's match was in the halance until the third-set tiebreak. But the German seemed to lose Lis nerve at a crucial stage, volleying into the net to give Dosedel a match point at 7-6.

Nat'l youth side beats England

DEREK FATTAL

INKAEL'S National Youth soccer squad registered a surprise 2-1 victory over England in the European Youth Championship in Austria on Friday.

In other action from the group, Slovakia beat Turkey.

The two results leave Israel in first place in its group, followed hy England. The two sides advance to the quarterfinals, where

Israel meets Germany tomorrow, and England will play Greece. Yossi pen-Avon was Israel's

have scoring the paner in the 10th minute, only for Richard Fenton to reply for England 25 minutes later.

Ben-Ayon had a hand in Israel's second goal by feeding the hall to Eitan Arbel, who scored the 76th-minute winner.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Lawrence Taylor arrested in drug sting Former football great Lawrence Taylor, who led ill. New York Giants to two Snper Bowl tilles, was free on bund yesterday after being charged with trying to buy crack cucaine in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, police said. Taylor, an all-star linehacker who retired from the NFL in 1993, was in Myrtle Beach for a celebrity golf tournament to henefit the Special

Myrtle Beach Police Lt. JV Ward said Taylor was arrested during a routine police sting operation. "We have officers posing as drug dealers and [Taylor] attempted to purchase crack cocaine," Ward said. Taylor was released shoully afterwards on \$5,000 bond, the officer said.

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Muresan NBA Most Improved Player Washington Bullets center Gheorghe Muresan, who ted the NBA in shooting percentage, was named the league's Most Improved Player for the 1995-96 season. Muresan received 50 of a possible 113 votes from a nationwide panel of writers and broadcasters in balloting for the first of the NBA's annual awards. George McCloud of Dallas finished second with 23 votes and Cleveland's Terrell Brandon and Danny Ferry came in a distant third with six votes each.

Muresan led the NBA hy making 58.4 percent of his shots and averaged career highs in points (14.5), rebounds (" '), blocked shots (2.26), assists (0.7) and steals (0.68).

Jim Gleeson dles in Kansas City home Jim Gleeson, whose career as a professional basehall player, coach and scout lasted over 40 years, died at his home. He was 84. Gleeson was first base coach under manager Yogi Berra in 1964 when the New York Yankees won the American League pennant. The switch-bitting outfielder played 392 games in the major leagues and batted .263 over five seasons.

His major league playing career started in 1936 with the Cleveland Indians. He played with the Chicago Cubs in 1939 and 1940, a year in which he batted .313 with 61 RBIs in 129 games, and with the Cincinnati Reds in 1941-42.

Tyson must fight Lewis before Seldon Mike Tysoo's bid to unify the heavyweight title hit a legal snag over the weekend when a New Jersey judge said he must fight Briton Lennox Lewis before taking on World Boxing Association champion Bruce Seldon, or anyone else.

Superior Court Judge Amos Saunders denied Seldoo's request to let him fight Tyson in July as planned, and in doing so, reaffirmed his March 15 injunction preventing Tyson from fighting anyone but Lewis. The injunction effectively stops Tyson, the World Boxing Council champion, from taking part in a scheduled July 13 unification bout with Seldon, according to Lewis's promoters at Main Events.

NHL's Hart Trophy candidates named Mario Lemieux, Eric Lindros and Mark Messier, all previous winners of the NHL's Hart Trophy, were named over the

weekend the finalists for that award, given to the league's most valuable player, It's the first time since 1971 that the three llart finalists are previous winners.

Olympic officials visit Israel

HEATHER CHAIT

"WHEN the world arrives in Atlanta this summer, we will be ready with a magnificent celebration," promised Charley Battle, managing director, International Relations of the Olympic Games.

Battle, in Israel with Olympic Village director Steve Kittell for the conference of European Olympic union heads over the Preekend, gave an update to local Olympic athletes on Friday at McDonald's in Ramat Gan. The statistics roll off Battle's

longue. "We will host 197 countries with 10,000 athletes, 5,000 officials and 15,000 accredited media representatives for the largest games ever." The staff now numbers 2,000,

but will reach 80,000 during the games and include 40,000 Of the 571 sports sessions, 500

have already sold out, and of the ll million tickets available, seven million have been purchased. The budget of the centennial

games is \$1.8 billion and will be mostly covered by private enterorise. Of this sum, \$500m. will be channeled to sports and housing facilities, including the 85,000-

seat stadium, the site of the opening ceremony on July 19. "The stadium is unique in that after the games, half of it will be converted into a baseball stadium to house the Atlanta Braves,"

said Battle. The Olympic torch, which artived in the US last week for its 84-day relay, will pass through 42 tates and be within a two-hour range of 90% of the population. On the issue of security, Battle

was both less precise and more controlled. "This is one of the most important aspects of any Olympic Gauses, and one area where we are receiving government support in the form of resources, personnel and expertise."

Battle refused to disclose whether the Israeli delegation would be housed in a restricted area, saying "we will work with the Olympic Committee of Israel and Israeli security to provide excellent housing for your athletes in a secure environment."

Resuming the momentum, Kit-tell declared that the Olympic village, "now a fairly large city, will be the best ever." A staff of 10,000 will cater to

the 4,000-5,000 visitors expected daily. Facilities will include a 3,500-seat dining room, a shopping area and live entertainment from artists like America's Grammy award winning group, Hooty and the Blowfish.

Tourism Minister Uzi Baram welcomed the 200 representatives of European Olympic unions from 46 states to the three-day conference yesterday, calling the gathering, "an important lever and ambassador for the development of contacts between states." Efraim Zinger, director-gener-

al of the Olympic Committee of Israel, said Israel's hosting the conference after being a member of the European Union for just one year "showed European support for Israel's Olympic Committee: especially since there were no cancellations despite the recent terror activities."

In response, European Olympic Union director-general Mario Pascante, from Italy, praised the organizers of the conference, saying the purpose of the conference was to further ties between countries - including combined training camps for athletes and coaches and exchange of ideas.

Tim Gullikson dies at 44

WHEATON, Illinois (Reuter) -Former termis player Tim Gallikson, who coached Pete Sampras to the number one ranking in the world, died of brain cancer on Friday. He was 44.

Gullikson, who enjoyed most of his tennis success playing douhles with his identical twin brother, Tom, had been fighting the disease for more than a year.

"Today I lost a dear friend and coach," said Sampras, from his bome in Tampa, Florida in a statement issued by the ATP Tour. "But we all lost a special person. "My prayers are with his wife Rosemary and his two children, Erik and Megan."

The well-liked Gullikson made his last coaching appearance with Sampras at the 1995 Australian Open, which he left abruptly to return home after falling ill. He was subsequently diagnosed with hrain cancer.

Sampras continued to hattle through the draw to the final, playing a memorable quarter-final match with Jim Courier - a match that saw Sampras weep openly on the court during the fifth set when a fan called out for him to win it for Gullikson.

Despite his personal ordeal, Gullikson continued to counsel Sampras via telephone throughGullikson, affectionately

knows as "Gully", was last seen publicly at Sampras's side when he unofficially coached Sampras during a dead rubber match at the Davis Cup semifinals hetween the US and Sweden last September. Tim made the trip to Las Vegas and provided an emotional lift to Sampras and brother Tom, the US Davis Cup captain, merely hy his presence at courtside.

Under Gullikson's tutelage Sampras blos-omed into a multiple Wimbledon and US Open winner and finished atop the ATP Tour rankings for three consecutive years.

As a singles player, Gullikson's finest hour came at Wimbledon in 1979 when he upset John McEnroe in the round of 16 and went on to reach the quarter-finals, his best singles result in a Grand Slam tournament.

In all, he won four singles titles, but became a very popular figure on the international tennis circuit in the 1970s as the righthanded half of the Gullikson twins doubles team.

Gullikson won 10 of his 16 doubles titles with brother Torn and the pair also reached the finals at Wimbledoo in 1983.

Strawberry joins Morris on Northern League's Saints

ST PAUL, Minnesota (Reuter) -Troubled slugger Darryl Strawherry, unable to find work with a major league baseball team this season, Friday signed with the St Paul Saints of the independent Northern League.

had been searching for a place to

play since the New York Yankees

The 34-year-old Strawberry

decided unt to pick up the \$1.8 million option on his contract in Strawberry joins former Cy

Young Award winner Jack Morris, who signed with the Saints last month and will report to the club on May 16 - his 41st hirthday - when the team begins its spring

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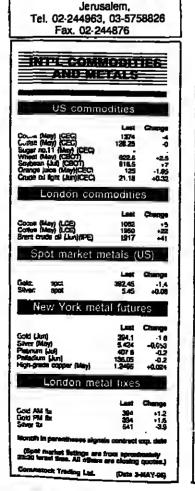


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Stocks close lower

WALL STREET REPORT

NEW YORK (AP) - A mild rebound in stocks faltered Friday as bonds lost their footing agaio, seoding interest rates eveo higher, despite a report oo employment that had calmed some inflation fears.

Oo Wall Street, the Dow Jones industrial average fell 20.24 points to close at 5,478.03, after clinging to a modest gain most of the session.

Oo Thursday, the Dow plunged nearly 77 poiots and broader indexes tumbled even further as the latest evidence of a surging economy sent investors running for cover before today's employment report.

The Nasdaq market — ooe of Thursday's biggest losers as investors locked in profits oo the recent rally in technology and smaller-company shares — managed a gain on the day, but slid sbarply with the market after surging more than 15 points earlier in the afternoon.

Most other hroad market iodexes eoded lower. Bonds rose Friday – with long-

Bonds rose Friday - with longterm interest rates dipping from their first close above 7 percent in about a year - after the Labor Department reported that the nation's imemployment rate dipped to 5.4 perceot in April, the lowest level in 14 months.

Thursday's retreat halted a string of 10 straight record highs for the Nasdaq composite and Russell 2000 list of smaller companies, which have outperformed the blue-chip market for weeks on expectations that more speculative businesses will benefit most from an improving economy.

On Wall Street, declining issues led advancers by a slim margin on the New York Stock Exchange, with 1,095 up. 1,180 down and 844 unchanged.

NYSE volume totaled 427.80 million shares as of 4 p.m., vs. 441.07 million in the previous session.

The NYSE's composite index fell 0.82 to 345.39. The Standard and Poor's 500-stock index fell 1.74 to 641.64.

The Nasdaq composite iodex gained 3.97 to 1,182.30. The Rus-

nies rose 0.91 to 346.85.

At the American Stock Exchange, the market value index rose 0.72 at 589.69.

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London market down 81

LONDON (Reuter) - US economic data ultimately dominated a tense, eod of week session with bid activity and political issues relegated to supporting roles. The FTSE 100 ended at 3,751.6, a fall of 24.8 points and from a week ago a fall of 81.2.

FRANKFURT - Germany's 30-share DAX iodex closed sbarply lower oo Friday after strooger-than-expected US GDP



data on Thursday triggered a selloff on Wall Street, weakeoed Bunds and halted the dollar's rise. The blue-chip DAX index elosed down 44.82 points at 2,457.49 points a fall of 79.68 on last Friday's close. In post-bourse trade the index stood at 2,472.43 up 6.94.

TOKYO - The Tokyo stock market was closed Friday and will be again tomorrow for national holidays. It will reopen oo Toesday. On Thursday, the 225-share Nikkei average fioisbed down 152.63 points at 21,662.38 a fall of 572.65 on last Friday's close.

JOHANNESBURG - South African shares eoded a quiet day weak, with industrials hit early on by a fall in US stocks and golds static despite a firmer bollioo price. The all-share iodex was down 65.1 points to 6,927.2 down 119.8 oo the week, the industrial index shed 102.9 points to 8,204.6 a fall of 208.3 since last week and the gold index up 1.7 points at 1,963.3 a rise of 3.9 from last Friday.

Dow down for the week

WALL STREET WEEK

NEW YORK (AP) - The Dow industrials fell 20.24 to 5,478.03

oo Friday, a loss of 89.96 for the week.

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The Nasdaq composite index - which closed at record highs for 10 straight sessions before sliding 21.33 in Thursday'a sell-off - rose

6.27 to 1,184.60 on Friday, trimning its loss for the week to 2.29. The American Stock Exchange's market value rose 0.72 to 589.69, dowo 3.88 on the

The Wilshire Associates Equity Index – which combines the market value of all NYSE, American, and Nasdaq issues – ended the week at \$6.421 trillion, off \$86.48 billion from last week.

A year ago the index was a \$5.074 billion.

Dollar rises against yen

CURRENCY REPORT

NEW YORK (AP) - The dollar reversed course and advanced against the Japanese yen Friday but fell against most other major currencies during a quiet session driven largely by technical

Widely anticipated data on US employment presented traders with mixed signals, as the nation's unemployment rate dipped to a 14-mooth low of 5.4 percent in April but job growth came to a meager 2,000. Joh growth the prior two mooths had been powerful.

As of 4 p.m. in New York, the dollar stood at 105.05 yen, up from 104.35 yen Thursday, and

1.5245 marks, down from 1.5283.

The release of the US employment data kicked off the trading day. It followed word Thursday that the natioo's gross domestic product rose at a 2.8 percent rate during the year's first three

Other late dollar rates in New York, compared with Thursday: 1.2415 Swiss francs, down from 1.2440; 5.1505 Freoch francs, down from 5.1627; 1,564.5 Italian lire, up from 1,563.5; and 1,3652 Caoadieo dollars, up from 1.3621.

The British pound traded at \$1.5070, up from \$1.5025.

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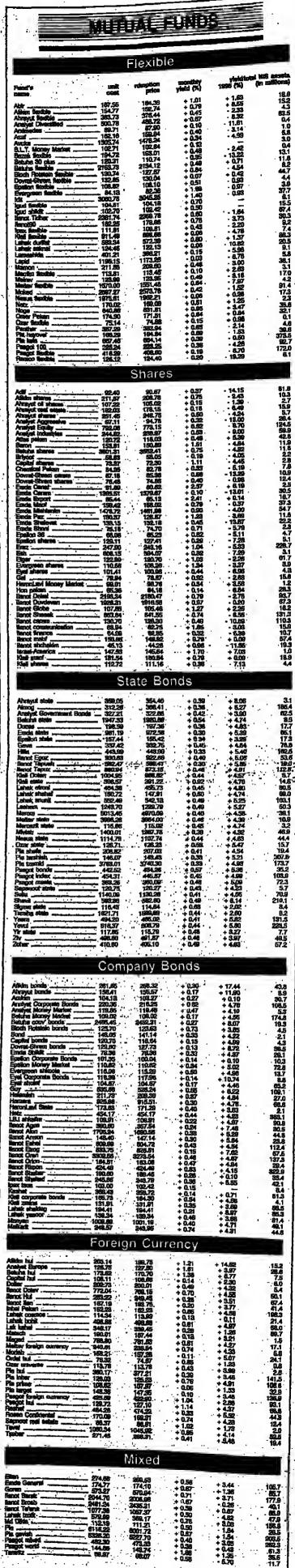
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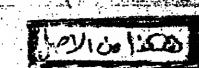
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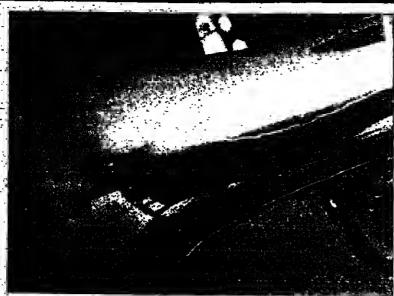




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THEATER HELEN KAYE

WORLDrenowned Moscow Art Theater is here with Chekhov's The Seagull and Teibele and Her Demon by Isaac Bashevis Singer, a story of lust love and sorrow set in a Polish sheetl. Tonight and tomotrow it's Teibele, which premicred only last year and is directed by Vyateslav Dolgachov. At the Noga Theater in Jaffa at 8:30 p.m. (Russian with simulta-



neous translation into Kfar Sava hosts a festival of brass bands this week. | | Jerzy Szelinski |

CLASSICAL MUSIC

MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

STRIKE up the band. The seventh festival of brass bands opens tonight in Kfar Seva (Heichal Hatarbur, 8) with Michael Delman leading the Petah Tikva orchestra. Tomorrow, the Royal Jordanian Brass Orchestra presents e special marching display at the Kfar Sava city square (5:30) and then joins the municipal band for a concert (Heichal Haiarbut, 8). The festival con-cludes Tuesday with e marathon of brass bands from all over the country (Heichal Hatarbut, 2 p.m.), e parade along Weizmann Street in Kfar Seva (6) and a final concert with the Royal Jordanian Brass Orchestra, the IDF Orchestra and guest musicians, culminating with Tchaikovsky's 1812 overture (8).

THE Jerusalem Municipality hosts a group of leading Austrian performing artists in a week-long celebration titled Vienna Artists in Jerusalem" which opens tonight (9) at the Henry Crown Symphony Hall. The Klangforum Ensemble performs Schoenberg's Pierros Lunaire and works by Zemlinsky, Sherker, Chera, Eisler, Berg and Webern.

DANCE

- MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

TEL Aviv dance buffs can choose tonight between two contrasting events. At the Suzanne Dellal Center, the Kibbutz Contemporary Dance Company presents Avi Keiser's Cri-Ah (at 9) while at the Tel Aviv Performing Arts Center the Israel Ballet presents the local premiere of Balanchine's Square Dance as well as two works artistic director Berta Yampolsky: Harmonium, danced to rousic by John Adams and Dancing to Songs, performed to music by Sasha Argov, Leonard Cohen and Matti Caspi. This program is repeated tomorrow at the same locale (8:30).

Also tomorrow the Vienne Dance Theater performs Inscriptions for Eden, as part of the Vienna Artists in Jerusalem festival. 8:30 at the Rebecca Crown Auditorium.

TELEVISION

RUTH KERN

THEY'RE comically proportioned and carry enormous loads over very short distances. Two of the most oddball "sports" on the satellite channels are the tractor pull and the strongest man in the world competition.

Laughable? Maybe. But the competition, however fierce, is friendly in a wey that you don't see at more mainstream events. The tractors spit fire, but their drivers seem equally interested in yakking it up with each other on the sidelines. The muscle men in striped spandex toss oil cans around and carry car bodies on their backs, yet still have ecough strength to high-five and hug each other at every opportunity. Catch the tractor pull tonight at 7 on Eurosport, and the strongest man in the world tomorrow at 12:30 p.m. on Prime Sports.

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CRYPTIC CROSSWORD

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1 Finished novel—a mystery (6.4)

6 Record appearance of full moon (4)

9 No charges after this affray? (4-3-3)

10 Ray's double existence! (4)

13 Quietly agrees to alter forecast (7)

15 Dolly Varden; for example, is out of tashion (3.3)

16 Determined to show off fur

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18 Business man with a cigar

20 Opening shop for a particular range (6) 21 Little trips once run by boys (7)

22 I fled the country (4)

25 Stick of rock! (4-6)

26 Is aware sound came from organ (4) such

27 Gullible, astronomer? (6-4)

DOWN

1 Blow! Here's e hole in my 5hirt! (4)

2 Ladies Only sign? (4)

3 Struggle to escape from

chief fortification (6)

4 They flock as if for ths bread that's scattered

24 Poke softly with stick (4)

23 Ominous for guy distressed about money (4)

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5 Compel to help (6)

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8 Stop mensce developing and make amends (10)

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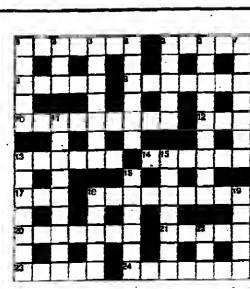
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15:05 South by Southeast 15:30 Feature film 17:00 French programs 19:35 Tequila and Bonetti 20:30 Charlemagne 22:00 News in English 22:25 The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air

MIDDLE EAST TV

10:30 Changed Lives 11:00 Larry Lea 11:30 Hour of Power 12:30 Central Message 13:00 Love Worth Finding 14:00 Benny Hinn 14:30 John Osteen 15:00 In Touch 16:00 Light for all Nations 16:30 Tunes of Joy 17:00 The Lookalike – story of twin sisters sepa-rated at birth. A strange episode uncovers the twisted plot behind their upbringing. 18:30 Beverly Hillbillies 19:00 CNN Headline News 20:00 48 Hours 21:00 NBA Action 21:30 NBA Game - Orlando vs Cinarlotte

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— in Arabic 19:00 News in Arabic
19:30 Today – News in Russian 20:00
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MANUAL CHANNEL

10:30 The Prize Pulitzer (1990) - the story of the marriage and divorce of Joseph Pulitzer and a gold-digger [91 mlns.) 12:05 Whet's New at the Movies 12:15 Fallen Idol (1948) (mt) 13:50 Preview (mt) 14:25 The Dead (1987) – John Huston brings James Joyce's story about human dramas at a dinner pady in 1901 to File With a dinner party in 1904 to life. With Anjelica Huston, Donal McCann (79 mins.) 15:50 La Gloire de Mon Pere (1920; French) (rpt) 17:40 Death In Small Doses (1993) - a woman dies suddenly, and poison is discovered in her body, is her husband responsible. or was it suicide or an accident? (88 mins.) 18:10 Sketches (1991) - (rpt) 20:45 What's New all the Movies 21:00 Snandragon (1993) - erotic thriller starring Pamela Anderson of Baywatch as a policewoman on the track of a serial killer (94 mins.) 22:40 The Ambassador (1984) - Robert Mitchum stars as the American ambassador in Israel who tries to

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rentiate between his work and his

desire for revenge (86 mins.) ■ CHILDREN (6)

6:30 Cartoons 8:00 Surprise Garden 9:35 Tau Tau (rpt) 9:00 Sonic 9:35 Sweel Valley High (rpl) 10:00 Beverly Hills 90210 (rpt) 11:00 Chiquititas (rpt) 12:00 Family Package (rpt) 12:30 To be announced 13:00 Surprise Garden 13:35 Lizzie Bee 14:00 Peter Rabbit 14:35 Atice in Wonderland 15:05 Nils Holgerson 15:35 Punky Brewster 16:05 Loony Tunes 16:30 Saved by the Bell 17:05 Littls University – Encyclopedia 17:30 Hugo 18:15 Alvin Encyclopedia 17:30 Hugo 18:15 Alvin and the Chipmunks 13:35 Tau Tau (nt) 19:00 Sonic (nt) 19:30 Three's Company 20:00 Married with Children 20:25 Roseanne 20:50 The Ren and Stimpy Show 21:05 Big Brother Jack 21:30 Cheers

■ SECOND SHOWING (6)

22:00 Ths Great Race (1965) adventure comedy about s car race from New York to Paris in 1908, With Jack Lemmon, Tony Curtis, Natalie Wood and Peter Falk, Directed by Blake Edwards, 00:30 Pathar Panchali (1955, Bengali) (rpt)

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SUPER CHANNEL

6:00 The Selina Scott Show 7:00 Business Week 7:30 NBC News 8:00 Only Business 8:30 The Winners 9:00 Inspirations 10:00 ITN News Live 10:30 Combat et Sea 11:30 Russia 10:30 Combat et Sea 11:30 Russia Today 12:00 Supershop 13:00 The McLaughlin Group 13:30 Europe 2000 14:00 David Frost 15:00 NFL Football 15:30 Horse Racing 18:00 PGA Golf Tournament 17:00 Euro Billiards 18:00 ADAC Touring Cars 19:00 ITN News Live 19:30 Voyager 20:30 The Selina Scott Show 21:30 ITN News live 22:00 Golf Anderson ITN News Fire 22:00 Golf: Anderson Championships 22:30 ITN News 00:00 The Tonight Show with Jay Leno 1:00 The Late Show with Conan O'Brien 2:00 Talkin' Jazz

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CHANNEL 5

6:30 Bodies in Motion 7:30 Basic Training 16:00 Bodies in Motion 16:30 National Soccer League (rpt) 17:45 English Soccer League – live 20:30

Basketball - playofi, Bnei Herzliye vs Maccabi Tel Aviv 23:15 English Soccer League

EUROSPORT

9:30 Car Racing: Grand Prix from San Marino 10:30 Car Racing: Grand Prix from San Marino, warmups – live 11:00 Car Racing 11:30 Soccer. French Cup Final (rpt) 13:00 Car Racing: Grand Prix from San Marino – practice (rpt) 14:00 Cer Recing: Grand Prix from Sen Marino -warmups (rpl) 14:30 Car Recing: Grand Prix from San Marino - race -Grand Prix from San Marino – race – live 17:00 Tenis: ATP Tournament in Prague, finals – live 19:00 Tractor Pulling 20:00 Car Racing: Grand Prix from San Marino – race (rpt) 21:00 toe Hockey: World Cup from Austrie, finals 23:00 Car Racing: Grand Prix from San Marino – race (rpt) 24:00 Golf: Italian Open 1:00 Tennis: ATP Tournament in Atlanta – finals

■ PRIME SPORTS

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E BBC WORLD

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RADIO

■ VOICE OF MUSIC

6:06 Morning Concert 9:05 Vivaldi: Concerto In F for bassoon, strings and continuo (Thunermann/I Musici); Haydn: Piano sonata no 53 in E minor (Ax); Mozart: Exsultate Jubilate motet; Reflioz Harold In Italy arr by List for viola and piano (Causse, Duchable); Bizet: Rome concert suite no 3 (Toulouse Capitol/Plasson); Poulenc: Concerto for 2 planos and orch; Stravinsky; Petrouchka 12:00 Light Classical - Vivaldi; Concerto in A minor for guiter, strings and bassoon; Mozart Hom concerto in E flat K495; Saint-Saens: Concert piece in A for violin and orch op 20; Field: Piano concerto no 1 13:00 Artist of the Week violinist Sarah Chang. Lalo: Symphonie espagnole; Vieuxtemps: Violin concerto no S (with Phitharmonia/Dutoit) 14:06 Encore 15:00 From the Record Shelf 16:00 Music for Sunday - Bach: Cantata no 86; Mozart: Requiem 17:30 Live broadcast from Jerusalem Music Center - 21st Century Ensemble. Contemporary works 20:05 Palestrina: Mass (Westminster Cath Choir/O'Donnell); Mozart: Duo in B flet for violin and viola K424; Chopin: 2 Ballades, in G minor op 23, in A flat op 47 (Gabrilov) 21:05 Live broadcast from Henry Crown Auditorium, Jerusalem, Klagentonum Ensemble, Vienna, Works by Schoenberg, Zemlinsky, and others

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Att times are p.m. unless otherwise

Amman-TA bus shuttle postponed

between Animan and Tel Aviv has been postponed by "at least two weeks" to allow more time for technical preparations, Transportation Minister Nassir Lawzi said yesterday.

The bus service will not he launched today as previously announced due to "logistical and procedural maners," he said.

Lawzi explained that the transportation companies that will operate the Amman-Tel Aviv shullle were not ready. He stressed that the delay has "no political bearings.

Transportation Minister Yisrael Kesssar announced last night that Israel would also delay the beginning of its bus shunle to Amman until Jordan begins its service.

AFTER Chairman Avraham Burg's whirlwind

trip to New York and the publicity in the US

last week about the Jewish Agency's problems in Russia. American Jewish advocates just

wanted to lower the volume. Many feared that

public pronouncements could inflate the

agency's problems and ensuare other Jewish

bottle," said one American Jewish leader.

Everyone wants to put the genie hack in the

Burg, in New York on Thursday, had

informed American Jews about the situation

via conference calls. Many had expected a

"call to action" after reports in The Washington

Post and the Jewish Telegraphic Agency last week indicated that Burg thought the agency's

problem was a cause for world Jewry, and not just a bilateral diplomatic issue between

However, Burg's signals were out of sync

with those the Americans were getting from

the Foreign Ministry, which was calling for

In the end, "there was no call for broad-based communal action," said Mark Levin,

organizations in Russia.

Moscow and Jerusalem,

restraint, sources said.

Jordan and Israel agreed March 18 to open their borders for vehicles transporting goods and pas-sengers in line with their October 1994 peace treaty.

The previous arrangement allowed vehicles transporting passengers and goods to unload at border crossings between the two countries, hut not to cross the

Under the new plan, tourist buses began traveling through the Arava crossing on April 1. Private cars from both sides began to cross the border on April 28.

Jordanian airliners began five

weekly flights to Tel Aviv on April 7, while Israeli flights are expected to start later this

posturing."

would be identified.

US activists decide against action

on Agency's problems in Russia

MARILYN HENRY

NEW YORK

director of the National Conference on Soviet

Jewry. Instead, he said Friday, people were

asked 10 stay apprised of events and "express

public action or any media attention would be

counterproductive," said Malcolm Hoenlein,

executive vice president of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish

Organizations. "This is not the time for public

Advocates were agitated about the way in

which the issue was being handled, even as the

underlying cause and significance of the

Russian action remained unclear. Instead of

solving its problem, the Jewish Agency was

expanding the conflict and exporting it to the

US, said numerous advocates, none of whom

What should have been a hilateral issue

between Israel and Russia appeared to be

growing into an affair that involved the US,

There was a clear consensus that to induce

concern in an appropriate way."



Border police block a group of Palestinian and Israeli labor activists, protesting the closure and demanding to return to their jobs,

Messianic Jews plan to plant 'messianic forest'

MARILYN HENRY

TWO messianic Jewish groups Jews, Cohen said, citing Pope, want roots in Israel - 10,000 of them.The Messianic Jewish Alliance of America and the Union of Messianic Jewish Congregations plan to plant 10,000 trees through the Jewish

National Fund for what the groups are calling a "messianic forest," the The Forward reported in New "We don't ask the pedigree of everyone who calls to plant a

tree," JNF spokesman Mark Cohen told The Jerusalem Post on Friday. "If the group is not doing anything [contrary] to JNF, we

don't say no." JNF has forests and woods in honor or memory of many tion-

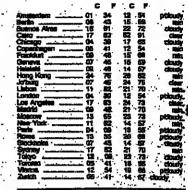
John Paul II, John Lennon, country singer Johnny Cash and Jane However, the JNF worked out a special agreement with the mes-

sianic groups, whose efforts to convert Jews angered the Jewish According to the agreement. Cohen said, "They in no form or fashion use the words 'messiah' or

ture asking constituents to plant JNF, which stands to earn \$50,000 from the sales, also eschews the word "messiah." The groups' plaque will read, "MIAA-UMIC Forest."

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AROUND THE WORLD



Barak to travel to US tomorrow

FOREIGN Minister Ehud Barak is to travel to the US tomorrow, where he will meet with Jewish community leaders in New York. On Wednesday, he will fly to Washington to discuss renewing final status talks with the Palestinians and proposals for reaching an agreement with Syria with Secretary of State Warren Christopher, He will return here on Thursday.

Labor to call for **Knesset session on State** Comptroller's Report

special Knesset session this week for a discussion of the State

Comptroller's Report. Labor Party faction head Ra'anan Cohen has submitted the 30 signatures necessary to convene the olenum. According to Lahor, the Likud is trying to use the report as political ammunition.

in a statement issued lost night. Cohen said that in contrast to the 1992 report - which "revealed gravest irregularities" - the recent report was "routine and reason-

"The small number of irregularities which were found in the report will be soon corrected, even without considering the Likud's attempt to use it for polit-

ical purposes," the party said.

Cohen said the Likud "would do best to concentrate on the significant matters in the report such duty, instead of searching for and

as the war on traffic accidents and the inequality of reserve inventing criticism that is not rel-

LABOR and Social Affairs Minister Ora Namir is expected to take over as ambassador lo China on May 22, a week before the

The posting was approved by the Foreign Ministry's appointments committee in a special speeded-up process several days after the Labor primaries. There was fear in Labor that if the Likud won the elections. Namir's

appointment would be canceled. Foreign Minister Ehud Barak proposed giving Namir the post as compensation for her disappoint-

Namir to take up post in China before election

ing showing in the primaries: sec-ond place among the women candidates, hut only 18th overall on the Labor list. As a result, her chances of receiving a ministerial post in any new Peres government were almost nonexistent.

which has no quarrel with Moscow, they

aback by newspaper reports that Burg said he

had "summoned" Alexander Bovin, the Russian envoy to Israel, to a meeting.

"Does the Jewish Agency think it is the

Burg was unavailable for comment in New

York after his talks with American Jews. On

Thursday, Burg also signed an agreement with

the Swiss Bankers Association about dormant

On Wednesday, the day The Washington Post

report appeared. State Department spokesman

Glyn Davies said the US is concerned about

One of the most important aspects of polit-

ical reform in Russia from the standpoint of

the United States has, of course, heen freedom

for Russian citizens to emigrate. We expect

that Russian citizens will continue to be able to exercise that right," Davies said, noting that

there was no indication that Russia would end

Foreign Ministry?" one source asked.

accounts from the Holocaust era.

restrictions on the Jewish Agency.

In addition, some Americans were taken

Barak heard from Namir about recently established with some of the Chinese ministers, and initiated her appointment. As part of the package deal that allowed her to be appointed, it was agreed that current ambassador to China Moshe Ben-Ya'acov would become

ambassador to Japan, in place of Amos Manor, who will retire.

Namir, lost out to Rabin in a bid to head the party in 1992, and was later appointed environment minister while Rabin held Labor and Social Affairs, hoping to lure-United Torah Judaism with the happened, and she was granted the Labor and Social Affairs portfolio. which she held for three years.

Upon her taking up the post in Beijing, the portfolio will be temporarily held by Prime Minister Shimon Peres.

Arab writer Emile Habibi buried in Haifa

ing Arab and Jewish writers, intellectuals and politicians. The government was represented by Environment Minister Yossi Sarid and Arts Minister Shulamit Aloni. At the basilica in Nazareth

Habihi was eulogized by exiled was given special permission by the

Darwish, a member of the PNC.

'Hametz' takes honors as top local play of 1995

its own at the first ever Israel and best supporting across Theater Prize awards ceremony at awards respectively.

Tel Aviv's Duhl Auditorium on The Habima Theater's The Thursday night.

Shmuel Hasfari's post-Zionist drama, Hametz, won top honors, but the evening's high spot and most emotional moment was the presentation of a Life Achievement award to playwight and recent Israel Prize winner. Nissim Aloni

Aloni, who is still recuperating from a stroke he suffered some two years ago, sat in the front row. Actor Yossi Banai, who presented Aloni with his prize, turned the frail-looking playwright around so he could see the standing ovation he got.

Hametz was named best play of 1995 and Hasfari best playwright. Going on stage to receive his statuette, designed for the event by Ruth Dar, Hasfari said: "You need a lot of courage to get up here and receive a prize for playwrighting in the presence of Nissim Aloni."

THE theater community honored and Dyora Kedar the best actress

Good Soldier Schweik won best comedy and best translator for

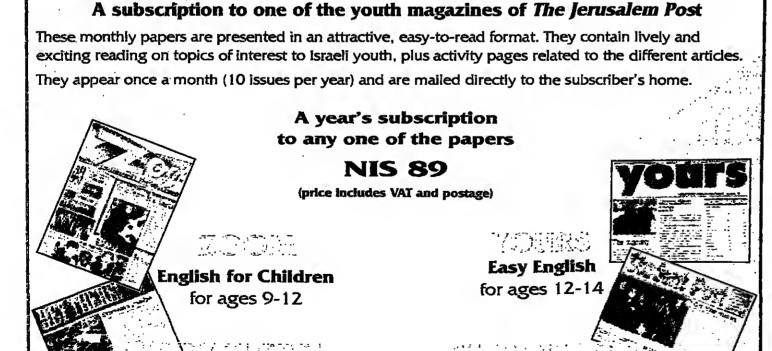
author/sculptor Amos Kenan. Gesher theater artistic director Yevgeny Arye was named bestdirector for Tartuffe.

Menahem Golan's production of The Sound of Music was named. best musical

Shuli Rand won best actor for, his roles in Pollard and Agape, at the Cameri Theater and Yitzhak-Hizkiya was named best supporting actor for A Funny Thing Happened... (Cameri).

Shiri Golan and Yoram Hattab. were named most promising newcomers and the awards for bestset, costume and lighting went respectively to Ruth Dar, Anna Khruschova, and Avi Yona (Bambi) Bueno.

Arkadi Duchin won composer of the year for four productions including Hametz, and Jetta Luka, was named entertainer of the year



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Earlier, hundreds filed past his coffin at the Basilica of the Annunciation in Nazareth, includ-

Arah poet Mahmoud Darwish, who government to attend the funeral.

refused to attend last week's Gaza conference at which the PNC agreed to revoked sections of the Palestinian Covenant that called for the destruction of Israel. (AP)

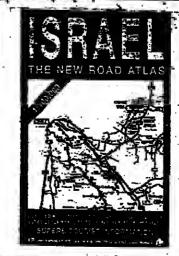
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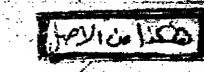
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